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Damas MASSON, Murder,
Onion Lake Dist. Sask.

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16. cont'd.I can't stand it no longer"
He never said anything after that. I thought Masson acted as though he had been drinking but I didn't smell any booze on him. I asked Masson how about the blood on his face and he said "My son Simon struck me". He told me he had killed his wife by chopping her with the axe, and showed me the top of his head where he had struck her. I saw Damas write on a piece of paper at David's place. He said he had written about his horses. I didn't believe what Masson had told me about killing his wife, so I went over to Philip Pahtaykan's place where they were living. On the way, I met Archie Mas-on who asked me to borrow my team to go to the Chief's place. I lent him the team and walked to Philip's house and went inside to wait for my team, and I saw the woman (Mrs Masson) lying on the floor. She was not dead yet and was lying near the stove covered with blankets. Philip was there and Simon and Philip's wife and Virginia self my sister. I saw the bandage on Mrs Masson's head. I didn't stay there long and I didn't want to ask questions. Then I went to J.E. Chocan's place. ENDS

17.

Statement of David WOLF.
Interpreter - Pierre Harper. Dec 3, 1942.

WOLF When Masson come to my tent on last Monday, it was in the evening and getting towards dark. Damas come into my tent and he told me he had killed his wife. He said he had used an axe and showed me how he had chopped her on the head. Masson told me he had come here purposely that the police would find him there. I told him not to cause any more trouble but to stay here until the police came. Damas said "Yes, I'll stay" I told him if you out to-night you'll catch cold because you have blood on your face". Then I asked him "where did you get the booze from?" and Damas said he did not know exactly. It was from either Simon or Philip Pahtaykan because both of them were handling booze. Damas said "It is about time I should do this thing to my wife because many times I have lost my wife out from my bed during the night time. Joe Quinsey is stealing my wife away. I can't stand it no longer" That's all he said. There was blood on his face from over his eyes on the right side. I asked him how the blood got there and he said "My son, Simon struck me there" Damas asked me for a pencil and he wrote on a piece of paper that he gave a horse to his daughter at Thunderchild Reserve and another mare to his youngest daughter. After he had written, Damas put the note in his pocket and said that the police would find it. Later in the night the police came and took Damas away from my place.

Damas looked to me as though he had been drinking, that's why I asked him where he had get the booze from. I didn't smell booze on him but thought he had been drinking. I gave him supper and he then went to bed and laid there till the police came. ENDS

18.

Statement of Simon MASSON, Halfbreed. Dec 3,

MASSON I live with my father and mother and on Monday, Nov 30th we were staying at the home of Philip Pahtaykan on the Onion Lake Reserve. In the morning, it was alright in the house. There was no row and no one was angry. I left at about 12 o'clock with Philip to go for a load of wood. When we left the house there was my mother, Mrs Philip Pahtaykan Joseph aged about 17 years, and Josephine there. Philip and I got back to the house at around 4.30 p.m., at brother Adam Quinsey (11 years) came running and met us at about fifty yards from the house. He was crying and said "My mother is killed" I ran down to the house and when I went in, my mother, she was lying

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