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January 16, 1926.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your application to the Water Comptroller, dated the 14th July, 1920, Conditional Licence No. 5277 was issued for Boston Bar Indian Reserve No. 4A. This licence was for the delivery of 70 acre-feet of water from Buckton Creek, the duty of the water is for 7 acres of land at 3 acre feet per acre.

As you already are aware, claim by this Department to the land formerly known as Boston Bar Indian Reserve No. 4A was relinquished in order that the same might be turned over to Frank Florence in 1921. This was the outcome of my investigation of the situation on the ground on the 18th July, 1919, at which you were present, Mr. Florence agreeing to pay to the Department of Indian Affairs the amount of $116.67 to be turned over to the Indian Peter Jim, who was entitled to the improvements on the land in question.

It would, therefore, now appear to be the proper thing to surrender this water licence to the Comptroller, but before taking any action along this line, I wish some information on the subject. The Indians of Boston Bar Reserve No. 4 already have Conditional Licence No. 7145 for the irrigation of 42.2 acres of land at 2 acre-feet per acre. The plan, however, shows that there are at present only 24 acres irrigated.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience as to whether you know of any good reason why Conditional Licence No. 5277 should not be abandoned and surrendered by this Department.

Your obedient servant,

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