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September 23, 1940.

The Deputy Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

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Re: Rex vs Samuel Dodge

On the 16th of July, you wrote authorising me to act upon such instructions as I might receive from the Department of Mines & Resources. I received a letter dated July 19, 1940, from the Indian Affairs Branch, of the Department, instructing me to defend Dodge, who was charged with the murder of One, James Kilpatrick.

Upon receipt of the instructions, I immediately communicated with Mr. Dudley Holmes, County Crown Attorney at Goderich, and with Mr. A. D. Moore, the Indian Agent for the Caradoc Agency. On Thursday July 25th, I went to Goderich with Mr. Moore, interviewed the Crown Attorney, Mr. Frank Donnelly, Barrister of that Town, and Dodge.

I learned that Donnelly had been acting for Dodge, having attended on remands and making certain preparations for the preliminary hearing. He had also gathered considerable information, in regard to the case. I had a long interview at the jail with the accused. He appeared rather unreasonable and found fault with what Donnelly had been doing for him. I suggested that I have Donnelly act as my Agent, attend at remands and sit in with me at the preliminary. Dodge at that time spoke of obtaining a Lawyer himself, and mentioned the name of A. G. Chisholm, K. C., of London.