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Ottawa, 19th March, 1915.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, in which you submit protests from certain St. Regis Indians against the proposal to grant a loan of \$500.00 to John Thompson of the St. Regis Band to enable him to erect a barn on his location; and in reply I beg to say that it is thought that the Indians can scarcely understand the arrangement under which a loan is made. In granting this loan the Department is not using St. Regis Band funds, and therefore the interests of the other Indians belonging to the band are not in any way jeopardized. With regard to the arrangement to mortgage Thompson's farm as security for repayment of the loan, I may say that this is a matter between the Department and Thompson, and therefore it is a matter with which the other members of the band have no interest. It is hoped that the progressive spirit shown by Thompson will be emulated by other members of the St. Regis Band, and that they will in the future take a greater interest in the pursuit of agriculture. The Department desires to encourage all the members of the band to engage in farming along progressive lines.

Your obedient servant,

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Indian Agent,  
St. Regis, P.Q.



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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