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May 31, 1911.

Mr. Oliver,-

With reference to the Order in Council authorising an exchange of reserves Nos. 9 and 10, on the West side of Okanagan Lake, and the Duck Lake reserve, on the East side of Okanagan Lake, for land of the same area on Deep Creek, B. C., in accordance with the application of Mr. J. H. Ingram, it would be necessary to have an exact description and map of the property proposed to be given to this Department in exchange for the reserve. In view of the fact that the reserves are irrigable land, and, as I understand that the land to be given in exchange is not the value of the reserves, should be based upon the fact that these are lands that can be irrigated, and therefore having a higher value than the other lands which are not irrigable. In determining the value of these lands it would be just as well to have two independent valuers, competent and reliable men, whose report or reports can be depended upon.

I presume that these matters will have to be attended to before taking up the question of surrender with the Indians, as they will desire to be thoroughly informed as to the nature of the proposition submitted to them, the terms upon which they are asked to surrender.

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