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Ottawa, February 12, 1919.

Sir,-

It has been represented to the Department that you refused a call to attend an Indian boy named William Teyah of the Mooshide reserve unless you could bring the boy back to the hospital. It appears that the father, Edward Teyah, lost his wife and three children some of whom died in the hospital when he was away; that the boy William is the last of the family and the father naturally wished to be near the boy during his last moments; if the father accompanied him to the hospital it would mean an expenditure of \$7. a day whilst staying at the hospital and as the appropriation for the year would not stand this expenditure the father could not accompany the son to the hospital and this made it all the more necessary that you should have, on compassionate grounds at least, visited the son at the home of his father.

The Department would like an explanation from you in regard to this.

Your obedient servant,

Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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