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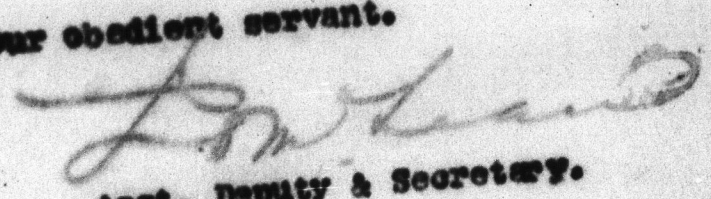
Sir,

With reference to your telegram regarding the condition of Indians at Romaine, I beg to say that on the 17th instant, Department wired you as follows:-

"Relieve present condition of Indians and furnish outfit for winter on condition that advance made is repaid. Indians be made to understand that unless this is done Department can not assist them."

In view of the nature of your wire the Department consider it advisable to come to the immediate aid of the Indians, and also as stated to outfit them, but you will be relied upon to collect from each recipient, after the winter's hut is over, the value of the assistance afforded. Collection should be made in the same way as if the advance in each case were made by a trader, as the Department while willing to assist the Indians can not undertake to assume the cost of their support.

Your obedient servant.


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