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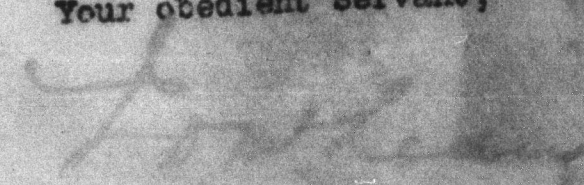
Ottawa, August 25, 1914.

Dear Chief,-

Referring to letter addressed you on the 17th instant, in connection with application of Mrs. Bell for lease of portion of land on the Garden River reserve, I beg to say that the local agent reports that he never told you that he had all to do with this matter, nor that all the Indians had to do was to obey him. He states that he informed you ~~that~~ what he had done in the matter, and that he had written to the Department, and that when there was anything to call a Council for, he would let you know, and that he would not call or attend a Council at night.

I might point out that, under the provisions of the Indian Act, the Department can lease land on an Indian reserve for the benefit of an individual Indian, upon request being made, and it has been represented to the Department that Mrs. Bell is the recognized owner of the land which she desires to have leased for her benefit.

Your obedient servant,


 Assistant Deputy & Secretary.

Chief George Shingwakoos,
 Garden River,
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