Dear Sir:

I have the honor to refer further to Departmental letter dated July 20th, ultimo, No.74-150-2, in regard to Mr. Agent Ball's request for authority to expend a sum of money on the purchase of salmon from the Coast Indians for supply in dry condition to Interior Indians of British Columbia for winter food in which connection I beg to transmit herewith copy of my letter addressed to Mr. Ball, dated August 4th, instant, and of his reply dated August 8th, instant. From Mr. Ball's reply it will be quite apparent that he knows nothing of the requirements of the Interior Indians and therefore his letter to the Department dated July 15th would appear to be somewhat superlative in dealing with the matter. I shall be pleased, however, upon receiving from Mr. Ball or any of the other Agents request for relief in the form of dried fish to make such recommendation as the circumstances will warrant. Mr. Ball has had the whole year to find out what fish would be required and it is somewhat unfortunate that he has left the matter to be deal with at the last moment.

Your obedient servant,

Bnel P/AC C. C. Perry, Asst. Indian Commissioner for B.C.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ont.

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