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Ottawa, July 29, 1918.

Sir,-

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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant enclosing a communication from Mr. P. H. Gentleman, teacher and overseer on the John Smith's Reserve, in regard to the poor attendance of some of the pupils of his school.

In reply I beg to say that the Department considers that it would be well to appoint a truant officer for this reserve and I have to ask you to be good enough to state the name of an Indian you think would be suitable for this position and also what remuneration he would expect for the work; his duties would commence on the re-opening of the school after the summer holidays. I am enclosing herewith for your information a copy of the Regulations relating to the Education of Indian Children, in sections 6 and 7 of which the duties of truant officers are set forth.

In regard to Mr. Gentleman's suggestion that forms for admission and discharge to and from day schools be provided I beg to say that the Department does not consider forms of this kind necessary.

Your obedient servant,

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Indian Agent,  
Duck Lake, Sask.

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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