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to compensation under the treaty or treaties made with the United States Government. Should it be held that the payment of this portion of the claim was only made as a matter of grace, it is conceivable that Congress might not be disposed to extend this grace to that portion of the tribe which fled to a country not under the jurisdiction of the United States Government.

There is, in addition, it appears, some doubt as to the exact status of those Indians who fled to the Dominion of Canada. I have received information unofficially to the effect that if these Indians are considered still to be American citizens, any compensation which might be given them would not be given through the Canadian Government as I had previously requested, but would be paid to them direct through their attorneys. The undesirability of this procedure was emphasised in conversation by a member of my staff to an official of the Department of State who thereupon suggested that the question of the status of these Indians might be raised with the Canadian Government. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would be good enough to inform me of the views of Your Excellency's Ministers in regard to this matter.

In the course of these conversations reference was made to some treaties prior to the Chicago Treaty of 1912. These treaties do not appear to have been mentioned in the communications in regard to this claim which have reached this Embassy. In the circumstances, therefore, it would be of advantage if I might be furnished with a full statement of the claim in order that I may be able to