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3rd December, 1936.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to your letter of November 9th, ultimo, in regard to the proposal to lease land on the Indian Reserve #1 of Ohiat Band, I beg to inform you that I have been advised by the Secretary of the Indian Department, Ottawa, that it is not the policy of the Department to re-issue leases to persons who defaulted in payment of rental in connection with previous leasing agreements, and that you should be advised that the Department would not consider the issue of another lease to you unless a very substantial portion of the arrears which were permitted to accumulate under the previous lease were paid in addition to payment of one year's rental, in advance, on a second lease, if and when issued.

The Department has requested that a further report be sent from this Office in due course dealing with this matter. Before this can be done, however, the matter will have to receive consideration of the newly-appointed Indian Commissioner, Mr. D. M. MacKay, who is expected to take office here almost immediately. I shall place the file at his disposal upon his arrival, and no doubt Mr. MacKay will write you himself, setting forth the conditions under which he would be prepared to recommend that a new lease be issued in your favour.

Your obedient servant,

For D. M. MacKay
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