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Dear Sir:-

In re claim of Brown and Hudson.
In re erection of Indian School at Onion
Lake in or about the year 1927.

Relative to the above claim I submit the following observations:

1. The merits of this claim were originally presented to your Department by J.T.Thorson, ex M.P.
2. Latterly the claim was gone into by our Firm, and certain facts presented to your Department.

A careful perusal of all correspondence impresses upon me the importance of ascertaining the following facts, namely. When the Department decided to erect a new school in the area in question was it the original intention to have the school erected at or adjoining the site of the old school at Onion Lake? If so, when was the decision arrived at or communicated in any way in respect to the erection of a school some distance from the former site?

As this phase of the matter seems very important to me I interviewed the Minister, the Hon. T.G.Murphy when going through Winnipeg last week and obtained from him the necessary authority directed to you to make available to me all information or correspondence relating to the erection of the Indian School in question.

For that purpose I enclose herewith the original authority signed by Mr. Murphy, and would very much appreciate receiving the following information:

1. Was it the original intention to erect a new school at or near the site of the old school at Onion Lake? or was the erection at that point considered?
2. If such was the original intention when was the change of the location to the present site of the new school decided upon?

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