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January 8, 1936.

Dear Sir,-

I beg to confirm my telegram of the 7th instant as follows, in reply to your letter of the 5th of January dealing with the advisability of allowing the Department of Northern Development of the Province of Ontario to proceed at once with the improvement of a road between Salt's Point leading to Depot Harbour, through the Farry Island Indian Reserve, Ont.

"Replying letter January fifth. Department grants permission
"Northern Development to proceed with road work Farry Island
"Reserve on conditions outlined in above mentioned letter.
"Letter following with more specific instructions."

In this connection I again beg to refer you to my letter of the 17th of October last addressed to the Deputy Minister of the Ontario Dept. of Highways, which requested that this Department be advised as to the conditions upon which they would be prepared to undertake the improvement of the above mentioned piece of road, as well as the responsibility for its future maintenance.

I understand from the contents of your last communication that the Department of Northern Development are not prepared to take over the road in question and pay for its future maintenance, but it is understood that they will assume the entire cost of the work projected as a relief measure to assist the residents of Depot Harbour and the Indians of the Farry Island Reserve on a retary plan. In order that there will be no misunderstanding in connection with this road work I should like to be furnished with a letter from the Dept. of Northern Development confirming the above. I might add that copy of this letter is being sent to the Dept. of Northern Development for their information.

It should be specifically understood with the Northern Development Department that the Department of Indian Affairs reserves the right to stop the work should you consider that conditions arise to warrant this action.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and oblige,

Yours very truly,

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Farry Sound, Ont.

A. J. MacKenzie,
Minister.