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Annuity Payment and X-Ray Survey

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The R.C.M.P. at Old Crow have advised me that the Indians are not at all satisfied with the date of the X-Ray Survey, April 27. They maintain, and so do the R.C.M.P. and the Nurse, that they should go to the Old Crow Flats for the spring muskrat hunt immediately after Easter, and not have to wait a week or ten days for the survey.

I agree with the views of the Indians on this matter and have advised them that they should not remain in settlement waiting for the survey. I have also discussed this matter with the Administrator of the Inuvik General Hospital. He shares my view and has already made a submission to his Department in Edmonton.

I propose therefore, that we ascertain the number of people in the settlement before we go to Old Crow, and if necessary, remove it from the itinerary. Health Services officials here maintain that the survey at Old Crow can be done in the summer with staff and equipment from Inuvik.

The muskrat hunt is an important factor in the economy of the Old Crow Indians and we should not do anything to prevent them from making the most of it.

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