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Ottawa, 30th December, 1909.

Madam,

In reply to your letter of the 14th ult., regarding the claim which you make on behalf of your children for the payment of interest money as members of the Fort William Band, I beg to say that the Department has looked very carefully into the matter, and as the result has ascertained that ~~the~~ your husband is not an Indian. According to the law children take the status of their father, and therefore none of your children are entitled to share in the distributions of interest or annuity moneys made to Indians. Under the circumstances the only action possible is to remove the names of the children hitherto paid from the pay-list. You will therefore be paid interest money for yourself only as a member of the Fort William Band.

Your obedient servant.

Secretary.

Mrs Nancy Dick,

Mountain Village,

Fort William, Ont.

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