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Ottawa, 24th June, 1912.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st ultimo with which you forwarded letter from the Rt. Rev. I.O. Stringer in regard to the prevention of the spread of tuberculosis among Indians in the Yukon; and in reply I beg to say that this matter has been carefully considered. It is difficult to deal with. Before taking any definite action the Department desires to obtain all possible information bearing on the subject, and with that end in view, I have the honour to request that you will obtain from each of the physicians in the Yukon appointed to attend Indians, a report dealing with this matter. They should state definitely to what extent the disease now exists among Indians and also make such recommendation as appears to them advisable with a view to preventive measures being taken. The Department will also be glad to have an estimate of cost from each physician of carrying out the work which he would suggest being undertaken.

I transmit herewith for your information, copy of a circular letter which this Department issues from time to time with regard to the observance by Indians, or those connected with them of sanitary measures relative to the cleansing of Indian homes, etc., and dealing specially with precautions against the spread of consumption. The Department will be glad to hear further from you in this connection at your convenience and will look forward to the reports above asked for.

Your obedient servant,

Geo. Black Esq.,
Commissioner of the Yukon,
Dawson, Yukon.

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Asst. Deputy and Secretary.