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Ottawa, December 11, 1909.

Sir,-

The Bell Telephone Company have applied for permission to build their line through the Serpent River Indian Reserve.

You will see by the enclosed Blue print the line follows the tote road from the East boundary of the Reserve to the Indian Village, crossing the Railway near Kennabutch Station then following the ~~east~~<sup>north</sup> side of the railway to the river. For the purposes of the company it is requisite that the trees should be cleared for a width of twenty feet.

The Company do not require any width for the Right of Way but to erect the poles and operate and maintain telegraph and telephone wires thereon with the right of free ingress and egress along and over the reserve for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the line with the right to trim any trees so as to keep the wires cleared at least eighteen inches.

I shall feel obliged if you will see upon what conditions the Indians will surrender these rights across the reserve. A blue print showing the proposed line and width of clearing is forwarded under separate cover.

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

Samuel Hagan, Esq.,

Indian Agent,

Thessalon,

Ont.

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