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Ottawa, February 15th, 1917.

Deer Sir -

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, with reference to the circular on increased food production on Indian Reserves. Apparently you are not fully seized of the importance of this subject. It was thought that the circular was abundantly clear that certain information was wanted and must be had. It is still considered that the time limit fixed for a reply from agents situated as you are was sufficient. It would be much more convenient of course if we could fight the Germans sitting by the fire-side, but that is impossible, and even if the instructions given you entail some work, the Department must insist on having them carried out. Presuming that you are awaiting the disappearance of the snow there has been some loss of time for which the Department will make due allowance, but if you are not heard from within a reasonable time you may expect a further communication.

Indian Agent,
Deseronto, Ont.

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