Dear Sir:

The Department has sent me copy of your letter of July 15th in regard to the matter of furnishing dried salmon to Interior Indians from the Coast for their winter food supply and has asked me to furnish a report and recommendation, but as you have not given me any particulars of the requirements, such as would be indicated possibly in letters received by you from the Interior Agents, I am not able to furnish the Department with a report without hearing from you. I do not understand your request for dried salmon to be sent to the Upper Skeena country as Mr. Indian Agent Mortimer recently applied for and obtained from the Department three tons of coarse salt to enable the Indians to proserve their winter's food supply of fish. Kindly furnish me with copies of all requisitions received from the several Agents in order that I may be in a position to advise the Department what sum should be authorized for the purchase of fish.

Your obedient servant,

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