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Ottawa, 23rd. March, 1916.

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.-. Referring to your letters (three) of the 18th instant, I beg to inform you as follows,-

The Department approves of your having incurred an expenditure of \$7.50 in the purchase of shoes for Simon Gabriel, Walter Gabriel and Lena Sacobie, orphan children, of St. Mary's Reserve.

The Department approves of your incurring an expenditure of \$10.00 in the purchase of necessary shoes and clothing and a pair of blankets for Mollie Sapier of St. Mary's Reserve, who is ill with tuberculosis. You may expend \$2.00 a week in procuring necessary food which should be of a nourishing kind for this girl.

The Department approves of your having incurred an expenditure of \$10.50 in the purchase of shoes for Louis Paul's children, in order that they may attend school but in this connection I may say that in future if expenditure in the way of relief, either for food or clothing, is required by Indians of your agency you should write the Department and obtain authority before incurring expenditure, unless the need for assistance is of a pressing character.

Your obedient servant,

