

File 2-10

Cranbrook, B.C. May. 22/43

Dear Major Mackay:

I wish to acknowledge receipt - of your letter of the 8th inst. with respect - to a programme instituted by Mr. Patrick Walsh, a programme with which after reading the attached clipping from the Cranbrook Courier you will be still more familiar. You have been kept - fully informed of all recent happenings on St. Mary's Reserve, and know, of course that - any thing I could do to - ease or minimize the effect - of such gross misrepresentations as have been made to our Indian people has long since been done.

These veiled charges are serious and as unavoidable insofar as this office is concerned as is tomorrow's sunrise. If anyone wishes to - indulge in this sort - of thing - a long list - of insinuations in the form of questions, based on nothing as Mr. Walsh has done - What - is there to stop him? Did the Government - do this? Did the Agent - do that? Did the Indian Commissioner account - for the monies derived from the sale of Birch on the Avon Lake Reserve? Who can prevent - such questions being asked? Is there anything that - we can do about

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