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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE,

Grand River Lkly

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IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

No. 369316

ALSO

TO DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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Sir,—

I have taken action with regard to your telegram confirmed by letter of 18th inst. I was requested by Justice Hargan and Chief Justice Sullivan to consult with them before proceeding to work. I took a first class carpenter with me & the I suggested beaver board it was condemned in advance so I purchased wood sheathing for the inside of the houses, about 2000 feet, Cedar slumps for the roofs, zinc for flashing flues, nails and sheathing paper under sheathing. It would have been cheaper to plaster the walls but at this time of the year it would be impracticable. I am getting hatches put in the floors so as to get small cellars dug for vegetables and getting the houses stanked up to keep out drafts. In addition to the foreman I employed I hired one or two of the Indians at Rocky Point to help in the work and at the same time to give them an opportunity of learning for themselves how to repair their houses. I ordered a cheap saw finish to be put on the houses to keep out the rain and snow. I may state that the lumber I purchased is not clear. There will be knots but not holes. I hardly think that any way it is done