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Dear Sir:

I enclose, herewith, letter from Hector Oils Limited asking for an extension of time within which to pay the rentals due in respect of their petroleum and natural gas lease on the Stony Indian Reserve.

Whilst I am disinclined, generally, to recommend extension after extension without very careful consideration and until each particular case has been closely investigated, when, if it is found that lessees are making serious efforts to induce people to provide money for development (a very difficult thing in Alberta today) such further extension might be fully justified as being in the best interests of the Indians. As far as leases on the Stony Indian Reserve are concerned, few, if any, are in a healthy condition in regard to payment of the required rental.

Inasmuch as I am going away on leave until the 31st of January, it is suggested that any decision with regard to this and any other leases be allowed to remain in abeyance until I return when more time will be available for examination of each case and then submit a report and recommendation.

Yours very truly

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