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Ottawa, February 10, 1916.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st. instant, regarding the fisheries in the Eriker River. In reply I beg to enclose a copy of a letter addressed to the Deputy Minister of the Naval Service in the matter. I would remind you that it is a difficult matter to secure concessions from the Department of the Naval Service in favour of the Indians. It will be necessary to bear in mind that complaints will not be laid before that Department until they are fully explained, and it has been properly established that there is proper ground for such complaint. It will be easily seen that by taking this course the Department will be more likely to have the requests granted. In this particular case I am inclined to think that there is considerable ground for believing that the Indians are correct, and I will communicate with you again when the reply of the Department of the Naval Service is received.

Your obedient servant,



Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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