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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa, Ontario.

RE: Road work - St. Regis Agency.

In your letter of April 6th, you advise that with regards to the \$500.00 advanced for road work, it will be necessary to account for this money before any further funds are advanced. If we are to continue uninterrupted in our road programme, it will not be possible for us to operate under this policy. At the present time, we have a gang of men at work in the Chenail and as I have plenty of work for them to do I am anxious that this crew be kept on without interruption. Should we have to make an accounting of the advance of \$500.00 sent for road work. it will mean that we will have to cease operations until we get further monies. You are aware that it is our policy to forward a credit voucher at the end of each month giving you a clear picture of all funds expended and balances on hand for the month. If there are any reasons why we can not continue under this system, I shall be pleased to hear from you.

As, in the past, it generally takes a couple of weeks before we can have an advance sent to us, I would like that consideration be given to forward an accountable advance in the amount of \$1,000.00 towards labour. At this writing, we have approximately \$300.00 balance from the \$500.00 you previously sent but, with the continuation of our road programme, such a small balance will likely be expended before a further advance arrives. While we have dealt with the matter of road materials in our letter of the 29th ultimo, I shall be pleased to learn that a further advance as requested above is receiving consideration so that our programme may proceed without interruption.

Bonnah, Superintendent, St. Regis Agency.

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