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Attention: W.J.F. Pratt.

Ref 65/28-3 A5; Sept. 16/52.

Replying to your letter noted above concerning the enclosed travel expenses sheets in connection with the 1952 Annuity.

As you know 1 was only on duty for the first day of the Treaty pay. I have therefore taken up the matter of meals for the 27th, 28th and 30th of May with Mr. Aquin.

My instructions to him were that if he took Mr. Element along with him on the Treaty trips, he was to carry on in the usual manner and pay the expenses for the clerk, such as meals, transportation etc.

Mr. Aquin advises that as the receipts show, he did pay for transportation for Mr. Element as instructed. In making out the expense account for these days, he took the receipts and inadvertently included Mr. Element's meals with his. He explained that this was done at the time of making out the rough copy of the expense account for these trips the following week; and what with the press of a back log of work, trying to instruct Mr. Element in agency work and preparing for the Gonstance Lake-Pagwa River area trip, the matter was overlooked and a double charge was made for meals.

Upon discussing the matter with him, Mr. Aquin brought out the fact that after thinking this overcharge over, he recalled that Mr. Element and he had agreed to each pay their own meals on the road, so as to facilitate Mr. Elements accounting of his stay here. The rest of the expenses came out of the Treaty travel advance; for example train fares, taxis etc.

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