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Ottawa, 13th July 1935

Sir,-

Your ref. No. 1997-S-59

With further reference to communication from your office of Nov. 14th 1931, relating to a proposal to surrender a portion of the Big River Indian reserve No. 118, containing 315.4 acres, for land in Tp. 57, R. 7, W. 3. M. I have to advise you that the Province will not transfer Secs. 13 and 14 and Frac. Secs. 14 and 23 for the reserve land, but will consider an exchange of the W. 1/2 Sec. 13 and Frac. N.E. 1/4 Sec. 14, containing 430 acres, for the 315.4 acre parcel in the reserve. The Provincial Director of Lands states that their officials have classified the land South of the C.P.R. in the reserve as marginal land, suitable only for grazing purposes and have placed the land in Tp. 57 under the same classification.

You are requested to advise the Department if you consider it desirable to make this exchange and obtain the opinion of the Council of the band, in order to ascertain if the band would be likely to surrender on these terms.

Your obedient servant,

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A. J. MacKinnon  
Secretary