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*Mr. Butler  
for your information  
Kehiwin*

Saddle Lake Indian Agency,  
St. Paul, Alberta,  
May 13th, 1955.

Indian Affairs Branch,  
Department of Citizenship & Immigration,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: Superintendent, Reserves & Trusts

Re: Band Farm - Kehiwin Reserve

I wish to refer to departmental letter of June 9, 1954, authorizing approval of an expenditure of \$500.00 from Revenue Funds for the purpose of paying wages, in connection with the development of a Seed Farm on their Indian Reserve.

I regret to advise that no progress has been made towards a Seed Farm on this Reserve. Inasmuch as the principle of a project was good, I cannot foresee such a Farm could be successful. The biggest drawback in such ventures is that it is difficult to get the work done at the proper time. Too much is dependant on the Indians themselves, and unless there is ready cash to pay for the work to be done, no one is available. The matter of waiting for returns from the crop does not appeal to these people.

This whole matter was discussed with the Kehiwin Band at a meeting held on Saturday, May 7, when it was outlined to this Band, what was expected from each member, and how compensations for the work would be made. The general opinion of the Band was to encourage individuals instead of trying to carry out community projects at this time.

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