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Ottawa, 30th Dec., 1884.

Memorandum for the Hon. Clifford Sifton,
Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

With respect to the prospecting for oil on the Moravian Reserve, and your decision marked on the file, upon the resolution of the Indian Council, I beg to direct ^{your} ~~the Minister's~~ attention to a list of applicants - marked on the file - for the privilege of prospecting for oil on the reserve, and to ask whether it is your desire that the privilege of prospecting should be simply offered to these applicants by letters addressed to them individually, or that the privilege should be put up to competition by public advertisement.

I have had letters prepared to the applicants, drafts of which are on the file; but I am holding the letters until your directions are received.

Hayden Reed

Deputy Supt. General
of Indian Affairs.

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