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Ottawa, 17th Feby., 1892.

Rev. Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, enclosing a certificate from Dr. H. W. Thornton, of New Richmond, certifying that Edward Gideon, a Micmac Indian of your Agency, is a dangerous lunatic and should be removed to an asylum; also enclosing a letter from the same doctor repeating what he says in his certificate, I note your request to be authorized to have the Indian lunatic in question removed to the Beauport, or such other asylum as may be decided upon, at the expense of this Department.

It is observed that Dr. Thornton does not state it from his personal knowledge that the lunatic is violent or dangerous, but that he was so informed by the brother and mother of the said lunatic.

In connection with the question of which Government is liable for the care and expense of caring for Indian lunatics, I beg to inform you that this Department has been advised by the Department of Justice

Rev. J. Gagne,  
Indian Agent,  
Maria, P. Q.