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CALGARY, Alberta,  
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Deputy Minister of Lands & Mines,  
Provincial Administration Building,  
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Attention of Mr. McKinnon

Dear Mr. McKinnon:      Re - The group of Indians on  
the Clearwater Forest Reserve  
near Nordegg.

I wish to refresh your memory of our interview on the 5th instant. I am submitting some data which it is hoped you will have the opportunity to consider and discuss with the Deputy and the Honorable Mr. Tanner.

You will recall that, on behalf of the Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa, I came to you in regard to about one hundred Stony Indians who make their home on the Clearwater Forest Reservation and have trap lines in that area. When Mr. Tanner was at Ottawa in January the matter of definitely locating them on a small reservation was briefly brought to his attention by the Chief Executive Officer of the Dept. of Mines and Resources, Mr. C. W. Jackson. My Director instructed me to approach you when it was opportune to give you more data in regard to this.

There are about one hundred Stony Indians who have resided near Nordegg for many years, and from the best information available they have lived there continuously since 1895. According to their white friends and from certain historical writings, they are still living on the site of the Stony winter camp as far back as the days of Anthony Henry and David Thompson. They have therefore a firmly established residence, and we believe they have a right to be recognized at that site. Their friends, as well as our Department, hope and desire that a small reservation might be purchased within the boundaries of the Clearwater Forest Reservation for them.

Your Government has been very co-operative towards these people and gave them registered trap lines, for for which to date our Department has paid the registration fees. Unfortunately they are squatters and cannot develop a settlement where they would have a church, school and other things that go to make up a properly organized community. From the viewpoint of our Department it is most essential that they be given a land allotment where they can establish themselves permanently. The Alberta Indian Association, with the old time friends of these Indians, recently investigated the local situation