Ottawa, July 18, 1939.

Reverend Sir:

With reference to our letter of July 6th, I have to inform you that our Treasury Branch has refused to pass for payment your account covering 7½ dozen baskets at \$1.50. They state that before this account can be paid, it will be necessary for you to submit a receipt showing that you have paid out that much to the Indians. If you have not paid the Indians, it will then be necessary to either ask for an advance to pay the Indians and forward vouchers supported by receipts afterwards, or submit vouchers in favour of the individual Indians who supplied the baskets.

I attach hereto vouchers in triplicate mentioned in our letter of July 6th.

I have noted the contents of your letter of July 12th, No. 185, stating that the Indians will be able to fill future orders.

I would like to know what reduction you were able to make in relief to your Indians because of them having obtained work on the coal boats or fishing in the boat recently supplied by the Branch.

Yours very truly,

Reverend E. Chiassen, Indian Agent, Thorburn, Hove Scotie.

For R. A. Hoey, Supt. of Welfare & Training

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