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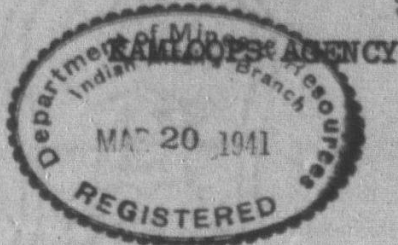
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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE **K-C-1**

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207 Victoria St., West,
Kamloops, B.C.,
March 17th, 1941.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to confirm my telegram of today's date, as follows:-

"Paul Basil Paul, number one hundred thirteen, Kamloops Band charged here with murder. Please authorize counsel."

In connection with this murder I was officially notified this morning by the Provincial Police that a murder charge had been laid against this Indian.

The police version of the crime is that it was committed in the City of Kamloops last Saturday night, March 15th, in a building on MacIntosh Street, which is divided into several individual cabins. Paul entered the cabin on one end in which five white men were drinking loganberry wine, and asked for a drink. After some discussion he left and supposedly entered the cabin at the other end of the building, demanded a drink of liquor from John Larsen, the occupant, and after being refused the drink, hit Larsen with an ax, crushing his skull. He, Paul, then returned to the other cabin where the five white men were drinking, broke in the door with the same ax, and after some scuffling, he was put out and the police phoned for. Some time later the murdered man was discovered. Following this, Paul was found in an old discarded automobile and arrested.

Another version from the Indians of the Band is that Paul had been drinking in the afternoon with Larsen in his (Larsen's) cabin, that another Indian was with him, and it is supposed by the Indians that they gave Larsen money to get further liquor, and they then left the cabin, Paul returning later for the liquor which Larsen had failed to get or had drunk up. From this point, the trouble started.

I am informed from reliable sources that Larsen made a practice of bootlegging and supplying Indians.

Paul is a widower, aged 35 years. During the time I have been in office here, with the exception of a few odd cases of intoxication, he has been a quiet, living Indian, never in trouble and looked after his mother. While not over industrious, he took good care of his appearance, dressed

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Dept of Mines & Resources,
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