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Ottawa, April 21, 1915.

Sir,-

Mr. Inspector Graham in his recent report on the inspection of the Selly Agency, has drawn attention to the fact that at the Selly reserve Government and private horses are fed from the same stock of hay. The Department does not approve of private horses being kept on the reserve and will not allow it except under very exceptional circumstances. Even when allowed, they are in no case to be supplied Government fodder, or in any way be made a charge against the Department. I have to request you to report what private horses you have on the reserve, and the necessity for keeping them there; and also explain what provision you make for defraying the cost of their hay yourself.

In connection with your purchase of a cow from Daniel Gode, an Indian of the Selly band, I would point out that officials or employees should not trade with Indians, either directly or indirectly. When it is necessary to acquire animals for the use of employees, the fact should be reported to Headquarters through the Agent, in order that the matter may be given consideration, and, if found necessary, authority for the purchase may issue in the regular way.

In concluding his report on the Selly reserve the Inspector states that "another thing that was brought to my attention and which I think is grossly irregular and has caused a good deal of feeling is that Mr. Anderson has been collecting money from the Indians for the time spent with them while". I have to request your immediate report regarding

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