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Ottawa, 23rd. June, 1908.

Sir:-

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th. instant transmitting copy of a report received from the Agent at Hobbema, relative to the Sun Dance recently held at that Agency, and in reply to inform you that the Department agrees with your view that the report discloses nothing upon which to base any prosecution.

It occurs to the Department to inquire whether any influence could be brought to bear upon these Indians by the deposition of Chiefs or Headmen, if there are any, who encourage the Indians to defy the Department's wishes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Francis Pedley
Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs.

Hon. David Laird,
Indian Commissioner,
Winnipeg,
Man.