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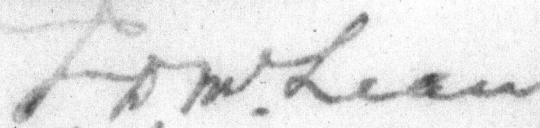
Ottawa, April 4, 1919.

Sir,-

Referring to your communication of the 24th ultimo, addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Mines, a copy of which has been transferred to this Department, in regard to obtaining surface rights on the Kanaka Bar Indian reserve, in order to mine gold thereunder, I beg to say that, before the Department would be in a position to consider the question of granting of surface rights, it would be necessary to obtain a surrender thereof from the Indians.

Upon your advising that you have obtained the right to mine for gold on this property from the local Government, action will be at once taken to submit surrender of surface rights to the Indians.

Your obedient servant,



Assistant Deputy &amp; Secretary.

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