Ottawa, October 18, 1911.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your The letter of the 3rd instant, in regard to the question of dividevelopment by the Indians of the mineral veins on the one skidegate Reserve, but before dealing with the matter the Department would like to be advised as to whether ner , the mineral in question is precious or base, as, if the former, there might be some question as to whether the Indians could be allowed to mine same.

Your obedient Servent,

Asst. Secretary.

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