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October 24th, 1917.

Sir,-

Referring to my letter of the 14th ultimo and to your replies of the 18th ultimo and 2nd instant, numbered 721-4-4, relating to petitions received from the Indians in the vicinity of Cross Lake, Manitoba, requesting that no commercial fishing be allowed in that lake. I beg to say that a further letter has been received from the Indian Agent at Norway House on this subject in which he states that he has been reliably informed that it is the intention of the firm of Mercer and Lavoie to fish on Cross Lake this winter for commercial purposes, and that they are making somewhat extensive arrangements to do so, having obtained a license from a party at Thicket Portage.

In view of the information conveyed to you by your Inspector of Fisheries for the district mentioned, it is thought that the license referred to,

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