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PLEASE QUOTE

Mr. D. J. Allan, Supt. Reserves & Trusts.

Referring to your letter of Nov. 24th, File 55-117 with reference to lands in the Valley River Indian Reserve leased to white people.

There have been several parcels of lands on this reserve leased to white s for several years without formal leases. You will recall that I advised the Secretary of this some months ago, and you answered the letter advising how the matter should be dealt with. It appears that an outbreak of mange some ten years ago wiped out most of the horses on the reserve just in the spring of the year and they have never had sufficient horses to farm the land since. Now some of them have secured horses but are short of necessary implements, and others are still short of horses, to operate their holdings. One or two of the Indians are unable to do the work themselves if they did have the horses and equipment.

Since receiving your letter of September 18th I have not had much time to get all the necessary particulars covering each parcel of land in question, but in cases where the land will have to be operated by the whites mext year, applications will be forwarded during the winter so that formal leases may be prepared and executed.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7597, File 10117-5)

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