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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE K-C-1

Jay
Airmail.



Dear Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 20th inst., in connection with the case of Rex. vs. Paul Basil Paul, an Indian of this Agency who has been charged with murder by the Provincial Police.

Regarding this case, I submitted a letter report on the 17th instant, covering the particulars up to that time. This report was forwarded by airmail and should have reached the Department on the date of your letter, and you likely have it by now.

Since then, the Coroner's Inquest was held yesterday, and a verdict rendered to the effect that "John Larson had come to his death as a result of multiple wounds of the scalp from a sharp and blunt instrument causing a fractured skull". The Provincial Police have promised me a copy of the evidence taken at the inquest. As soon as I receive this I will forward the Department a copy.

The Preliminary Hearing is called for Monday next, and if counsel is not authorized by that time I will ask for a remand.

The Police records here show that in 1939, the late John Larson was convicted of supplying liquor to an Indian in the City Police, and was given three months suspended sentence and his liquor permit cancelled for one year.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the police report in connection with this case, following the laying of the information.

I might add that I was not notified of the case until after the charge had been laid.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Ferguson
(W. J. Ferguson)
Indian Agent

The Secretary,
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