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Ottawa, 19th May, 1909.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, submitting applications from Indians, Nos. 48 and 55 of Lac des Mille Lacs Band, for admission into Treaty of children, the offspring of white men, I beg to state that while the Department has in the past entertained applications somewhat similar to these when the facts as reported justified this action, yet it is not proposed to grant all applications. These are becoming too numerous in your district and they should be discouraged.

The reasons given in the present cases do not seem to have sufficient force to justify the Department granting the proposed admissions to Treaty.

I may remind you that when the Department had under consideration the question of the status of illegitimates (See circular letter of the 20th June, 1905, No. 156710-A Ty) it referred principally to those whose parents were both Treaty Indians.

It is not proposed to admit legitimate children the offspring of white people, except under very special circumstances.

Your obedient servant,

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Secretary.

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