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May 31st, 1941.

Mr. Ferguson,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Rex vs. Paul Basil Paul

As I received instructions direct from your office to appear for the accused upon the Murder Charge laid against him for which he was to stand trial at the May 1941 Assizes, and have not had any correspondence with Ottawa in the matter quoting a file number etc., I therefore report to you herein and trust that my report and recommendation will be duly forwarded by you to the proper authorities without delay as the time limited for appeal in Criminal matters is one month.

The jury brought in its verdict on the 29th instant finding the accused guilty of manslaughter but with a strong recommendation for mercy and the accused was sentenced by the court yesterday to five years in the penitentiary.

I am aware that in the case of Departmental matters counsel who have appeared are expected to make recommendations as to whether or not an appeal should be taken.

The question of an appeal generally with a view to obtaining a new trial should not be considered for two reasons: First the grounds for the same while some may exist are doubtful and second in my opinion as a jury could so easily upon the circumstances in this case come to the conclusion that the accused was not sufficiently drunk to negative

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 7473, File 19154-11, Pt. 1).

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