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Ottawa, 9th December, 1902-

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 17th ult. I enclose herewith a plan showing Cote's Reserve and the tract of land west of it lying between the Assiniboine and Whitesand Rivers. I shall be obliged if you will have marked thereon the tract of land which Chief Cote wishes to surrender and the tract he desires in exchange.

You will note on the plan that the Assiniboine River is shown approximately only: reliable survey has never been made of this part of the River. It is thought however that there should be no difficulty on this account in showing the tract desired.

I beg to draw your attention to the fact that the said tract between the Assiniboine and Whitesand Rivers was originally intended as an addition to Reserve No. 66 (Chief Keesekeonse). Mr. Ponton states that this Reserve has a large area of poor land and that the exchange contemplated might possibly be of much more benefit to the Band of Chief Keesekeonse than to Cote's band. Cote's Reserve, Mr. Ponton says, is practically all good land and that large quantities of hay may be cut in the North-eastern part of it.

Hon. David Laird,  
Indian Commissioner,  
Winnipeg,  
Man.

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