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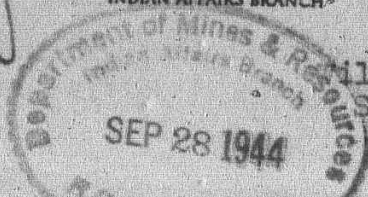
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Williams Lake, B.C.
September 22, 1944.

Dr H.W. McGill, Director, Indian Affairs Branch, OTTAWA.

Your file 19160-13

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In reply to your letter of the 12th instant, regarding the alleged murder of Mrs Johnny Baptiste, Nemiah Valley Band by Harry Seymour, Stone Band, which occurred about 10 years ago on February 11th, 1934, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Police Report in connection therewith.

There have been rumours at various times that Seymour is still around although most of the whites in the district have concluded that he was dead, either killed at the time of the drunken brawl or by his own hand shortly after.

Further to the report you received from the R.C.M.P., Tommy Alphonse, who was formerly a member of the Anaham Reserve who has been transferred to the Williams Lake Band, has just returned from the Chilcotin with the information that Seymour was on the Stone Reserve during last week-end. This information has been given to the Provincial Police who are no doubt pursuing the investigation.

I doubt very much if there was any very serious effort to apprehend Seymour after the murder since there is no report on the matter, following the one, copy of which is enclosed, in this office and in a large territory, sparsely populated as is the Chilcotin, it would seem to be comparatively easy for an Indian to escape detection with the help of a few friends.

While Tommy Alphonse is not a particularly reliable Indian, I am inclined to believe that Seymour is still alive. He would be about 60 years old now and his appearance might have changed considerably. The Department will be advised of any new developments.

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Wm. Christie, Indian Agent.

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