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INDIAN AFFAIRSTRANCH Cornwall, Ontario, April 29th, 1949.

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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa, Ontario.

I have reference to your file 23033-1 S.A.l, April 6th.

Regarding the purchase of gravel, please note that our situation has not changed here from the past year or two. There is only one place that I know of that we can get gravel for the Chenail road and that is from Lyle Currie in Dundee. When we started our road programme, I took Mr. Maxwell from the Engineering Branch down to see this pit and he was quite in agreement that it was the best material available.

It would appear from your letter that you are requesting us to put in a requisition for materials which, I presume, would result in the issue of a purchase order. I do not like to do this as sometimes we find it difficult to get a proper understanding with Mr. Currie. I have found that by working on a day-to-day basis, I can watch things closer and we have more assurance of getting better quality of gravel. If you would permit us to continue working on this policy, I would appreciate it very much. I might add that there are only two places where I intend to buy gravel or crushed rock and that is either Lyle Currie in Dundee or Coleman-Munro in Cornwall. The latter have their pit some 14 miles west of Gornwall and, of course, you will readily understand that we can not haul from that distance to the Chenail which is about 30 miles one way and get any amount of roadwork done for our money.

I would appreciate hearing from you at an early date and trust that you will find it convenient to give us authorization to use the Currie pit on the same basis as we operated during the last two years.

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Superintendent, St. Regis Agency.

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