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Ottawa 4th December, 1906.

Sir,

With referende to your letter of the 19th ultimo, relative to the request made by the Oka Chiefs for lumber, etc, to repair their houses, I beg to say that as you were informed in letter of the 5th ultimo, the funds at credit of the band, or at credit of the Appropriation voted by Parliament for relief to destitute Indians, are not sufficient to admit of so much assistance as that asked for being given to a few Indians. A distribution ^{of building material} such as asked for can not be made. In fact the Department can not do more than it has done in the past, viz:- grant a little assistance to the very old, or sick, upon a recommendation from you as to their age and condition. All Indians who can work should do so, and thus Provide for themselves and their families.

Your obedient servant.



Secretary.

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