

INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE

3-131



Grouard, Alta.,

November 9th 1925

IN YOUR No.	REFER TO No.
ALSO TO DATE OF THIS LETTER	

Sir,—

Referring to your letters of Oct. 30th, 1925, No. 3-131A. - Feb. 13th, 1924, No. 3-131. - April 3rd, No. 3-131. - October 29th, 1924, No. 3-131, and to my letters of Dec. 2nd, and March 17th, 1924, to the Department.

I beg to enclose portion of a map showing the hunting grounds of Big Foot's Band, which lie north of Fort St. John, and the three recently opened trading Posts of the Hudson's Bay Company.

The above Indians can trade at these Posts without the necessity of going long distances to Fort Nelson, and for reasons stated in my letter of March 17th, 1924, it is easier and more convenient for them to be paid at Fort St. John.

After receiving Department letter of April 3rd, 1924, No. 3-131, I notified Big Foot, through the Hudson's Bay Company, in that district, that I had permission to pay himself and his immediate followers, at Fort St. John, and I paid all of them who came and asked for Treaty.

Mr. Bourassa, who was employed at Fort Nelson during the summer of 1924, and who was at the new Hudson's Bay Company's Post, at the mouth of the Fontas River, during the winter of 1924 - 25, was at Fort St. John, this summer, waiting to return to the last mentioned Post. As he knew personally the followers of Big Foot, I employed him, at Treaty time, as Interpreter for the Siccinnie Band.

He informed me before I paid these Indians that Agent Harris left the treaty money for the Indians, in question, with the Manager of the Hudson's Bay Company, at Fort Nelson, in the summer of 1924.

Nos. 9, 11, 25, 26, 35 and 36 did not appear at Fort St. John this summer.

These people being distinctly hunters, over a large extent of territory, did not live at Fort St. John in the summer of 1924.

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The Asst. Deputy and Secretary,
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Ottawa

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