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Indian Commissioner,
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I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from Superintendent Meek regarding the establishment of an Indian Reserve at the fishing station of the Champagne Indians on Klukshu River. I am also enclosing a sketch plan prepared by the Surveyor General from information furnished by Mr. J. Walcott, D.L.S.


We are of course not opposed to the establishment of needed Indian Reserves, and Superintendent Meek may have given this matter careful consideration before recommending the land in question. However, no explanation has been given in his letter, and I think you will agree that in matters of this kind we should have a more complete report as to the necessity of the Reserve, and that such report should indicate why the requested acreage or area is required.

As you know, it has too often been the practice in past years to secure and set aside for reserves comparatively large areas, when a much smaller acreage would have sufficed; and in recent years we have been endeavouring to confine new reserves to the actual area needed by the Indians.

The parcel suggested by Superintendent Meek seems somewhat larger than would be required for a fishing station, and we are assuming that actually, Indians are residing on the land all year

around, and that the actual intention is to set aside a Reserve on which Indians could be permanently established. If this is so, we have of course no objection. However, we consider it advisable to refer the matter back to Superintendent Meek through your office for an additional report and for your advice in the matter.

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D. J. Allan,
Superintendent,
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