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21 Jan., 1949.

Mr. Ostrander:

File Hills Schools:

In regard to our discussion to-day it will be helpful if you will forward to this office the annotated diagram of the File Hills Reserve which was made at the Agency office. Photostatic copies of it will be made here for distribution to all concerned.

At the same time please include a copy of the table of statistics relating to surviving children born in the years 1933 to 1948 both inclusive.

I would remind you that you agreed to make inquiries about the probable availability of bus service, preferably on the basis of payment by the vehicle-mile.

Your recommendation concerning the pupilage to be allowed at File Hills Residential School is also desired, the presumptions being that a two-room school is provided in the "Colony" area and that some pupils who must be kept in residential schools can be accommodated at Brandon or Portage la Prairie.

CAPC

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January 25, 1949.

Mr. J.P.B. Ostrander,
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,
304 Post Office Building,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

Future Policy - File Hills Residential School.

You will recall our recent discussion concerning the future operation of this school. At that time we pointed out to you the various comments of the Donald Inspection Company concerning the building. You will of course remember that one sentence read as follows: "The school in general is in a very bad condition and should be demolished and rebuilt".

Dr. Dorey visited me yesterday and we further discussed the possibilities of establishing day schools to serve the pupils now attending this residential school.

He is anxious to have a meeting with departmental officials and those of the United Church when further information is received from you. You will recall that the following data is required:

(1) An annotated diagram of the File Hills Reserve, presently at the Agency office. We will make photostatic copies of this diagram and will return original to you.

(2) A copy of the table of statistics relating to the surviving children born in the years 1933 to 1948, both inclusive.

(3) The probable availability of bus service, preferably on the basis of payment by the vehicle-mile.

..... (4)

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(4) Your comments concerning the feasibility of operating a two-room day school at the "Colony" next year and continuing the residential school on a reduced pupilage basis, or by sending those children too far from the day school to the Brandon Residential School.

Bernard F. Neary,
Superintendent of Education.

BFN/EM

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1st February, 1949.

Memorandum:

SURVEYOR GENERAL

You are being forwarded a diagram of the File Hills Reserve, showing the location of the homes of the Indians on the four Reserves in the File Hills Superintendency.

Please supply this branch with 6 photostatic copies of the diagram, preferably half the size of the original. When these are completed, we would also like you to return to us the original diagram, which we are forwarding to you today.

I would also like to have 2 copies of Tracing #1724.

PP/ST

Philip Phelan,
Chief, Education Division

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Born in United Church Children on File Hills books. FILE HILLS.

	1933	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Peepeekisis Band.	3	2	6	5	7	6	5	6	6	8	7	10	8	6	7	3
Okanese File Hills	1	4		3	1		4		3	3	3	1		2	3	2
except T. Anderson, E. " , E. Bear } Vet's after have no School age Kids																
Star Blanket File Hills	1	1	4	2				2	2	2		1	2	2	3	1
Except C. Bigknife, S. Starr } could move to West side																
Little Black Bear FILE HILLS	2		1	2		1	1		2	1		1		1	2	
	7	7	11	12	8	7	10	8	13	14	10	13	10	11	15	6
																To May 5, 1948
3 North Bands	4	5	5	7	1	1	5	2	93 7 37	100 6 39	103 3 37	105 3 35	107 2 30	110 5 34	118 8 41	

C.A.S.C.

To LORLIE at present 3 from Peepeekisis

Mission House as teacherage
Bus depots near schools
Subsidize parents to bring children in lieu of bus

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SURVEY OF POTENTIAL SCHOOL POPULATION

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Name of Band Okanese Star Blanket ~~Little Black Bear~~ Location _____ Agency File Hills

Religious Denomination United Church

(Separate statistics for denominations)

Date _____

Surviving children

To May 5, 1948

born in	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949		
OK ~~Boys~~	1	4	–	3	1	–	4	–	3	3	3	1	–	2	3	2			
STAR ~~Girls~~	1	1	4	2	–	–	–	2	2	2	–	1	2	2	3	1			
BEAR	2	–	1	2	–	1	1	–	2	1	–	1	–	1	2	–			
TOTAL	4	5	5	7	1	1	5	2	7	6	3	3	2	5	2	3			
Potential Enrolment								30	33	34	32	36	37	41	38				
Attending Residential School at (1)																			
(2)																			
Attending Day School at (1)																			
(2)																			
(3)																			

Remarks: Consolidated for 3 bands who might attend existing File Hills school building which has two rooms + full basement

Signature CAVC

Appointment _____

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SURVEY OF POTENTIAL SCHOOL POPULATION

150-89-C (E 3)

Name of Band Peepukusis Location _____ Agency File Hills

Religious Denomination United
(Separate statistics for denominations)

Date Feb. 16, 1949

Surviving children born in	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949		
Boys																			
Girls																			
TOTAL	3	2	6	5	7	6	5	6	6	8	7	10	8	6	7	3			
Attending Residential School at						Potential Enrolment		40	43	49	50	55	56	56	58	...			
(1)									IN	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954				
(2)										52	56	64	66	67	67				
Attending Day School at																			
(1)																			
(2)																			
(3)																			

Remarks: To May 5, 1948
Probably would attend "Colony" school

Signature CATC

Appointment _____

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C O P Y

For the information of Mr. Neary.

BALCARRES,
Feb. 17th., 1949.

MR. J.P.B. Ostrander,
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,
Regina,
Sask.

Department of Mines and Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
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Dear Mr. Ostrander:

I am submitting a report on William Creeley.

Sunday evening, February 13th., after being home for half an hour I went back to the school building about 5.30 P.M. When I went in some boys told me William Creeley had gone up to their dormitory. I was surprised as visiting is over at 4.30 and no visitor is allowed upstairs unless they have special permission.

I immediately went up and found him in the room of the Boys' Supervisor -Mr. Panchuck. I asked him what he was doing there and what he wanted. He replied that he wanted the Boys' Supervisor to give his children (a boy of 9 and a boy of 7) special attention and favors, and that when he came in the younger boy was crying. I told him all children here are treated alike and that none received special favors and then I asked him to leave.

I walked ahead of him to the stairs but let him go down first. When we reached the playroom he said "come on outside" I went with him to the boys' door and opened it for him. During this time I had said nothing. As he went down he suddenly reached back and caught me by the legs and as I was totally unprepared for such a move he succeeded in pulling me down the steps. He said he wanted to fight and he called to two friends who were waiting to come and help him.

Mr. Panchuck, who had followed me, and I both tried to reason with him but he took off his coat and pulled out a knife and started swinging it around. I called to the boys who had gathered to get Mr. Reeves, the Engineer, and he came and tried to talk to him. Then I turned to go into the school and he made a race at me and as his arm went round my neck I put up my hand to save my face. The knife cut the sweater I was wearing and made a cut in the fleshy part of my right thumb. When he made the race at me Mr. Panchuck tried to come to my assistance but George Keewatin, one of the Creeleys' friends, grabbed him by the hands and held him long enough to give Creeley his chance. Creeley kept repeating that he would kill me yet and that he would come back till he did.

As I had been told by several .....

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As I had been told by several that Bill Creeley was a very dangerous man I have always treated him very carefully in an effort to avoid friction. Last September he caused considerable unpleasantness here when he threatened me beacause visiting hours were on Saturday from 2 to 4.30 P.M. He wanted to come on Sunday and any time he pleased. Following a talk with Mr. Booth on the matter I have allowed visiting both Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4.30 since last October.

I phoned the police in Balcarres and they came out Sunday night. They arrested him on Tuesday and I understand the charge is common assault. He is out on bail and the case come up February 24th.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Lachlan McLean.

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, March 1, 1949.

Memorandum:

DIRECTOR.

The letter hereunder is self-explanatory.

Mr. McLean is the Principal of the File Hills Residential School and has always been satisfactory in the performance of his duties. You will find a picture of him, Flag 1 down. You will note from his report that he has attempted to avoid trouble with the Indian Creeley but that evidently he has been the subject of a brutal attack.

We will forward to you further information as to the result of this trial in due course. Would you please pass this file to Mr. MacInnes for his information.

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education.

BFN/HM

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 653-1 (E)

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653-1(Secy.)

, March 9th, 1949.

MEMORANDUM

Col. Neary,
Superintendent of Education

Your memorandum dated March 1st hereunder concerning the assault of Mr. McLean, Principal of the File Hills Residential School by William Creeley has been noted.

This is a matter that must take its course under the Criminal Code.

There does not appear to be any action that this Branch can take at the present time. The question of further measures for the protection of Mr. McLean and other members of the staff might be taken up with the police when the present case is disposed of.

T.R.L. MacInnes,
Secretary.

TRLM/DTH

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, March 11, 1949.

Mr. J.P.B. Ostrander,
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,
Regina, Sask.

File Hills Indian Residential School

We have received from Mr. McLean a letter of February 17, copy of one sent to you, concerning the attack made on him by William Creeley.

I presume that this matter has now been dealt with under the Criminal Code and that the question of further measures for the protection of Mr. McLean and other members of the staff will be taken up with the police when the present case is disposed of. I would like to have the diagram of the File Hills Reserve indicating the number of children before Easter week. I will be going to the Ontario Educational Association meeting at Toronto that week and would like to see Dr. Dorey and other United Church officials concerning the future of this school.

Bernard F. Neary,
Superintendent of Education.

BFN/AM

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Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies
Saskatchewan

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PLEASE QUOTE
FILE 455-311-11
A.U.(114)

Regina, March 7th, 1949.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines & Resources, OTTAWA.

The Department will have received a copy of R.C.M. Police Report, File 49R 629-2-92, in connection with the assault of William Creeley, Treaty Indian, Okanese Reserve, upon Mr. Lachlan McLean, Principal of the File Hills Indian Residential School.

Mr. McLean telephoned to me late in the evening of February 13th, 1949, informing me of the assault. The reason he telephoned to me was that Mr. Booth, Indian Superintendent, File Hills-Qu'Appelle Agency, was away at Ottawa at the time. I instructed Mr. McLean to call the N.C.O. of the Balcarres Detachment, R.C.M. Police, to deal with the case.

When Mr. McLean telephoned to me he appeared quite excited but did not seem inclined to lay a charge. However, on my advice, he has done so, with the result that the accused has been sentenced to 2 months in Regina Gaol.

With regard to matters generally, at the school, discipline has been fairly good under Mr. McLean, and this incident was very unexpected. I do not think it advisable to take any further action other than that I am asking Indian Superintendent Frank Booth, on his next visit to the school and the reserve, to point out to the Indians that the school is entirely under Mr. McLean's charge, and that no Indian has a right to enter the school without Mr. McLean's permission.

William Creeley is an erratic type of Indian, and probably had been drinking some intoxicant before visiting the school, otherwise I do not think he would have acted in the manner indicated by the Police Report.

no R.C.M.P. report received

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
MAR 10 1949
P.M.
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J.P.B. Ostrander,
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,
Saskatchewan.

JPBO/ed E.P.

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Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.,
March 1,1949.

J.P.B. Ostrander, Esq.,
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,
P.O. Building,
Regina, Sask.

With further reference to my letter of February 15,1949, No. G-8-114, I wish to inform you that William Creeley was sentenced to jail for two (2) months.

(Signed) Frank Booth,
Superintendent.

FB/ak

Copy for the information of Ottawa
Police report will follow.

att. M. Neary

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15th March, 1949.

Mr. J.P.B. Ostrander,
Regional Supervisor of
Indian Agencies,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

We have just received your letter of 7th March, 1949, in connection with the assault of William Creeley, Treaty Indian, on Mr. Lachlan McLean, Principal of the File Hills Indian Residential School.

It is noted that Creeley has been convicted and sentenced to two months in Regina Gaol. I also note the instructions which you have issued Superintendent Booth, and I presume that the matter can now be considered closed.

Bernard F. Neary,
Supt. of Indian Education

PP/ST

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OUR FILE No. 49 B 629-2-G 3

OTTAWA 10 March, 1949.

YOUR FILE No.

424

To: The Director, Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources, OTTAWA.

Form C.264B

Report dated Balcarres, Sask., 24-2-49,
forwarded for your information, re: William CREELEY,
File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask. - Common
Assault.

Department of Mines & Resources
Indian Affairs Branch
MAR 14 1949
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Encl.

Officer i/c Criminal Investigation Branch,
per

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FORM C284B
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P.C.R. 1c4 H. Q. FILE NO. DIV. FILE NO. 624/2-42

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DATE February 25, 1949

SUB-DIVISION Yorkton S. DIV. REF. 45K

DETACHMENT Balcarres DET. REF. 45B 1-642 A.R.V. NO. Nil

DEFENDANT (A) William GREELEY - Treaty Indian ADDRESS File Hills Indian Reserve, Sask.

OCCUPATION Labourer STATUS IN CANADA (B) Canadian Born Citizen Treaty Indian

NATIONALITY Canadian Cree Indian RACE Red DATE OF BIRTH Dec.8,1921

PLACE & DATE OF OFFENCE File Hills Indian Residential School on 15-2-49 F.H. Indian Reserve, Sask.

OFFENCE (C) Common Assault - Criminal Code of Canada - 291 CCC

INFORMATION (D) Lachlan McLEAN - 16-2-49 - Arthur E. GRAHAM, J.P. Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.

DATE OF ARREST OR SUMMONS Arrest 15-2-49 PLACE & DATE OF TRIAL Balcarres, Sask. 24-2-49

MAGISTRATE OR JUDGE (E) Arthur E. GRAHAM, J.P. METHOD OF TRIAL (F) Sum. Conv. PLEA Not Guilty

PROSECUTOR OR PROS'G COUNSEL Cpl. J.H. Beach - R.C.M.P. DEFENCE COUNSEL G.W. TRUSCOTT Barrister, Melville Sask.

DISPOSITION OF CHARGE OR SENTENCE IMPOSED AND DATE Sentenced to 2 months in Regina Common Gaol without option of fine Imposed 24-2-49

FINE PAID OR GAOL TERM TAKEN Gaol term taken.

COSTS POLICE:		IMPOSED	COLLECTED
SERVING SUMMONS		$	
ARREST		$	
ATTENDING COURT		$	
WITNESS FEES (POLICE)		$	
MILEAGE	MILES @	$	
	TOTAL	$ Nil	Nil
COSTS OTHER THAN POLICE			
MAGISTRATE'S FEES		$	
WITNESSES		$	
		$	
	TOTAL COSTS	$ Nil	Nil

AUTHORITY FOR SEARCH

COMPLAINANT Lachlan McLEAN File Hills Indian Residential School. Sask.

FINGERPRINTS TO H. Q. Nil taken Sum. Conv. (DATE)

PHOTOGRAPH TO H.Q. Nil taken Sum. Conv. (DATE)

LAST PREVIOUS CONVICTION (QUOTE F.P.S. NUMBER IF KNOWN) Indian Act (Intoxication) 126 Balcarres, Sask. 15-9-48 - Fined $15.00 costs. Paid.

WITNESSES:- PROSECUTION

Lachlan McLEAN - File Hills Indian Residential School Sask.
William J. MEEVES " "
Peter PANCHUK " "

DEFENCE

Wm. GREELEY T.I.
Howard GREELEY T.I.
George KEEWATIN T.I
All of File Hills Indian Reserve, Sask.

REMARKS (G)

1. WORDING OF CHARGE " did unlawfully assault Lachlan McLEAN by striking him on the hand with a knife contrary to Section 291 of the Criminal Code of Canada".

15-2-49

2. With reference to the above at 6:05 P.M. this date Mr. Lachlan McLEAN, Principal of File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask. called this office per Tel. and reported that William GREELEY Treaty Indian of File Hills Indian Reserve, Sask. had assaulted him just previous to his call. GREELEY had taken out a pocket knife and had cut him slightly on the hand. He wanted the matter investigated.

DIARY DATE INVESTIGATED BY Cpl. G.S. Irvine, Cpl. J.H. Beach.

FW'D ON 24-2-49 (DATE) TO O.C.S./-DIV FW'D ON (DATE) TO O.C. DIV. FW'D (DATE)

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I/C DETACHMENT I/C SUB-DIVISION DIVISION

NOTE:- SEE REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET RE (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), AND (G).

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L. W. CHARD SUPT. Officer in Charge C. I. B. "F" Div.

The Commissioner R.C.M. Police, Ottawa. Forwarded for your information.

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3. The writer in company with Cst. Irvine patrolled forthwith per P.A. Code 3564 to Balcarres Dist. and continued per hired livery team from Sec. 6-11-23 to File Hills Indian School where an investigation was made into this matter. The writer returned to Det. 12:00 M.N.

4. The following is a copy of the statement obtained from Mr. McLEAN, Principal of File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask. regarding this matter.

Sunday Feb. 13, 1949

"I Lachlan McLEAN, state that I am principal of File Hills Indian Residential School. At 5:30 P.M. on Sunday February 13, 1949 I came from my residence to the School. Some of the children told me Wm. CREELEY was up in the boys dormitory. I went up to see what the trouble was as he had no business being up there.

I asked him what he wanted here. I couldn't make head or tail of what he was saying. I told him he better get out of here alltogether, he had no business up here.

When he got to the bottom of the stairs he said will you come outside. I opened the door so he could go out and he grabbed me by the leg and pulled me downstairs to the bottom outside. I think Mr. PANCHUK, boys supervisor was with me. He wanted to fight. I think Mr. PANCHUK told him to stop. CREELEY had tried to hit me but PANCHUK stood between me and him. Then CREELEY called in two other Indians who were with him and he pulled off his coat and hat and threw it down on the ground. I told the school children to go and get Mr. REEVES the Engineer. Mr REEVES tried to reason with him. Then he took out a knife and held the knife in his hand, it was a jack knife and opened. He said I'll kill you. He made a strike at me with his right hand with the knife and it came around my neck, I put up my right hand and got a cut just behind the the last knuckle of the right thumb. Mr Reeves told me I better go in. I went in. I wouldn't say he was drunk. He struck me as being partly insane.

(Sgd) Lachlan McLEAN

5. A slight cut was noted on the back of Mr. McLEAN's right hand, the skin was broken as a drop of blood had seeped through.

6. The following is a copy of the statement obtained from Peter PANCHUK, boys supervisor File Hills Indian Residential School. Sunday Feb. 13, 1949

"I Peter PANCHUK state that I am boys supervisor at File Hills Indian School. About 5:45 P.M. today Feb. 13, 1949 I was up in my room. I was sitting there, there was a knock on the door, I opened it and Bill CREELEY came in. I asked him what he wanted, he said one of his kids was crying downstairs. I said I couldn't help it. I told him he wasn't supposed to be up here. Then he told me he had seen Mr. McLEAN about it and he wouldn't pay any attention so he was going to see me.

Just about then Mr. McLEAN walked in. He put his hand on CREELEY's shoulder and told him he had no business

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6. (continued) had no business up there. Just then Mr. McLEAN put him ahead of him. Creeley said something about getting outside. I didn't exactley hear what it was. I thought there might be trouble so I went along with them. When we got to the boys outside door, Mr. McLEAN opened the door and told him to get out. As soon as Mr. McLEAN opened the door he grabbed ahold of him by the collar; as soon as he grabbed Mr. McLEAN, I got Mr. McLean by the shoulders and tried to hold him and Mr. Creeley grabbed Mr. McLean by the leg and he pulled Mr. McLean outside and I went with him.

While he was holding him by the leg I got him away. Creeley asked two Indians who were outside to take their coats off and help him. They came over but did not take their coats off. When I was truing to hold CREELEY off one of the Indians who had a parka on caught ahold of my hand from behind and held it.

Then CREELEY got Mr. McLEANS leg again. Mr. REEVES came then. Then we got CREELEY away from Mr. McLEAN.

CREELEY got up on the steps, Mr. McLEAN was below with Mr. Reeves and myself. CREELEY pulled a jack knife out of his pocket and opened it. He said any of you that makes a move is going to get it. Mr. REEVES told Mr McLean to go in and CREELEY made a dive for Mr. McLean, he took a swing at Mr. McLean with the knife and then it was rough and tumble. When CREELEY dived this Indian had me by the hand again. Creely had said to Mr. McLean I'll get you sooner or later and I'll kill you. (Sgd) Peter PANCHUK.

7. The following is a copy of the statement obtained from William J. REEVES, Engineer at File Hills Indian Residential School, Sask. Sunday Feb. 13, 1949.

"I William J. REEVES, state that I am engineer at File Hills Indian Residential School. About 5:45 P.M. on Sunday Feb. 13, 1949 one of the boys called me. I was in the staff sitting room, he told me Will Creeley was fighting Mr. McLean. I went to the boys doorway and outside. Wm. CREELEY had Mr. McLean by the leg. I helped pull him off. As we parted them CREELEY stood on the steps and Mr. McLean below. Myself Mr. PANCHUK and an Indian were between them. Creeley was using abusive language towards Mr. McLean. I didn't know what he ment. He got his pocket knife out, opened it. He was threatening Mr McLean. He put it down for a little while. I warned him it was a serious offence to threaten anybody with a pocket knife. He brought the knife up again and he tried to jump past us. He got Mr. McLean who was leaving to go around to the front door. There was a rough and tumble and I did not see what took place. Mr. McLean went into the school I went inside myself then. After I warned him about using the knife he said he had lots of money to pay and lots of friends to help him pay. When I first got down there I asked him what the trouble was and he said Mr McLean had put him out of the dormitory, and I told him it was Mr McLean's duty. I remember him saying he would get Mr. McLean sooner or later. (Sgd) W.J. Reeves.

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8. Mr. McLean stated that he wished to take some action against Creeley but was undecided at this time as to what charge to lay and would call at Det. in connection with same following A.M. Mr. McLean and staff stated that they did not intend taking any action against either of the other Indians as they had attempted to restrain Creeley. As far as could be learned Creeley had left with the other Indians for the Reserve. Mr. McLean stated that the routine of the school was badly upset as a result of the incident and at his request Cst. Irvine remained at the School overnight returning to Det. following A.M.

14-2-49

9. This A.M. Mr. McLean called at Det. and after discussing the matter advised that he intended to lay a charge of Common Assault under Sec. 291 of the Criminal Code against Creeley. Same date Mr. McLean appeared before Mr. Arthur E. GRAHAM, J.P. of Fort Qu'Appelle and laid a charge under Sec. 291 of the code and Warrant to Apprehend was issued for Creeley.

15-2-49

10. At 9:00 A.M. this date the writer accompanied by Cst. Irvine patrolled per P.A. Code 3564 to File Hills Indian Residential School and continued per team, gratis, to File Hills Indian Reserve where CREELEY was taken into custody. At this time he stated he had lost his knife out where he had been skinning a deer.

11. Patrol continued per P.A. Code 3564 to Fort Qu'Appelle where William CREELEY appeared before Mr. Arthur E. GRAHAM J.P. and made application for bail. Same was granted and Creeley was released on Bail after entering into his own Recognizance in the amount of $100.00 to appear 2:00 P.M. 24-2-49 R.C.M.P. Court Balcarres. Patrol returned to Det. 4:30 P.M.

23-2-49

12. At 9:00 A.M. this date the writer accompanied by Cst. Irvine patrolled per P.A. Code 3564 to File Hills Indian Residential School were copies of Summons to Defendant under the hand of Arthur E. GRAHAM, J.P. were personally served by Cst. Irvine on William J. REEVES and Peter PANCHUK. same being returnable at R.C.M.P. Court. 2:00 P.M. 24-2-49. Patrol continued on other duties.

24-2-49

13. At 2:00 P.M. this date William CREELEY appeared before Mr. Arthur E. GRAHAM J.P. at Balcarres and entered a plea of Not Guilty to the charge. He was represented by Mr. C.W. TRUSCOTT Barrister of Melville, Sask.

14. Mr. L. McLean, William J. REEVES and Peter PANCHUK were called as witnesses for the prosecution and gave evidence along the lines of their statements already recorded.

15. William CREELEY, Defendant gave evidence on his own behalf to the effect that he had gone to see Mr. McLean in the School because one of his children had been crying. He had been told to get out and Mr. McLean shoved him. He had pulled his knife out on the steps but had not intended

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15. (continued) to use it. He had not lunged at Mr. McLean and had never been closed enough with the knife to touch him. He stated he was a councillor of his band and was interested in investigating conditions at the school on his own.

16. Howard CREELEY, brother of Wm. CREELEY gave evidence of seeing his brother on the steps with the knife but George KEEWATIN had taken it away from him and he had never lunged at Mr. McLean with it. It appeared to him that his brother was trying to scare Mr. McLean.

17. George KEEWATIN gave evidence that he had come ove to the fight and saw Creeley on the steps with the knife he had taken it away from him and he had never made any attempt to strike Mr. McLean.

18. His Worship found Creeley Guilty as charged and sentenced him to 2 months in Regina Common Gaol. He remarked that Creeley appeared to have reform of the Schools in mind but that nothing would be accomplished by the use of Force and it was contrary to the principles of this country and warned him to control his temper in the future.

24-2-49

19. At 8:00 P.M. this date the writer accompanied by Cst. Irvine patrolled per P.A. Code 3564 to Regina escorting prisoner William CREELEY. CREELEY was handed over to Night Guard at Regina City Police Cells. Warrant together with his effects were handed over to Night Guard at Regina Town Station and a receipt obtained which is attached hereto. Patrol returned to Det. 2:45 A.M. 25-2-49.

20. Unless instructed to the contrary this file is now being closed at this Detachment. Extra copies attached for the information of Dept. of Indian Affairs.

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Cpl.
P.H. Beach 12350.
I/C Balcarres Det.

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(J.C. Story) Insp.
Commanding Yorkton S/Division.

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Regina, March 14,1949.

Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines & Resources, OTTAWA.

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Attention Mr. Neary

With further reference to your letter of March 11, Superintendent Booth is at the present time working on the diagram of the File Hills Reserve indicating the location and the number of children. I have requested Mr. Booth to complete this diagram as soon as possible and to forward the same to you by Air Mail.

I am sure you will receive the diagram withing a very few days.

H. F. Gavill
for.

J.P.B. Ostrander,
Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,
Saskatchewan.

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Ottawa, April 21, 1949.

Dear Dr. Dorey:

File Hills Residential School.

The Superintendent of Education returned here this morning, and has reported on the discussion held with Mrs. Loveys, Mrs. Robertson and yourself concerning the future of the above residential school.

This will confirm the following proposals made by Colonel Neary:

(1) That the File Hills Residential School cease to function as a residential school on June 30, 1949
(2) That a new day school be erected at the File Hills colony to provide educational facilities for the children within walking distance of the proposed site
(3) That the present classroom block at the residential school be operated as the second two-room day school and that this provide educational facilities for the children within walking distance
(4) That the six or eight children who could not attend these two day schools as proposed above, be sent to the Portage la Prairie or Brandon residential schools
(5) That all furniture and equipment at the File Hills residential school be transferred to the Brandon, Portage la Prairie, or Round Lake residential schools as required
(6) That the qualified teachers at the school be retained, if they so desire, at the two proposed day schools
(7) That accommodation for the day school teachers will be provided at the new colony day school, and that the principal's or farmer's residence at the residential school be used as teachers' residence for the day school there.

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You have been left the photostatic map prepared by Mr. Indian Superintendent Booth showing all the Indian homes on the Reserve. You will note that we are locating these schools to provide educational facilities for the United Church children.

I would be pleased to hear from you after the Women's Missionary Society executive has met and decided concerning the proposals made.

Yours sincerely,

Director.

Rev. George Dorey, D.D.,
Secretary,
Board of Home Missions
of the United Church of Canada,
299 Queen St., West,
Toronto 2B, Ontario.

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Major Mackay

You will find map in envelope on file.

We are NOT concerned at present with RC children but we all anticipate a request from them for a day school in a year or two

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