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United States Indian Service,

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Hon Comm of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of 27th ult relating to the subject of allotment of the lands of the Ojibwa Indians of this Agency I have to say, that my report of Oct 20th was based in a measure, upon the expressed desire of the Indians to have an equal division of the whole reserve, I approve of a division of the whole reserve, and thus put out of existence as far as possible tribal property, if this can be done practically, of course there should be an equal division of all the agricultural lands among all the tribe as well as of the other qualities, I think the Indians will reject any other plan, the largest amount of land cultivated by

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any one Indian is probably one hundred and fifty (150) acres, The principle upon which the Indians have selected and occupied their lands as I am informed is a sort of pre-emption or rather each one selects such pieces as he desired to occupy of lands not occupied, and improved the same, and the improvements carried with them the right of use, and the improvements in many cases ^{have been} transferred to other members of the tribe by bargain and sale, I think the allotment should be made even if resort to a new and special subdivision of the sections becomes necessary.

Respectfully
D. P. Anderson
U.S. Indian Agent