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Your Ref. 446,256

March 16th, 1923.

Sir :-

Re - Ex-Congressman Everts, Potsdam, N.Y. -
Indian Reserve at St. Regis, P.O.

Referring to previous correspondence, I have the honor to enclose herewith for your information copy of a further report dated the 12th inst. received from the Officer Commanding, "A" Division, Ottawa, in connection with the above matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Cortlandt Starnes,
Assistant Commissioner.

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police

"A" Division.

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Ottawa, March 12th, 1923.

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The Officer Commanding,
"A" Division, R.C.M.P.

Report.

Re:-Ex-Congressman Evarts - Potsdam, N.Y.,
Indian Reserve at St. Regis, P.Q.

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Referring to previous reports in this connection I have the honour to state that this man has not been at St. Regis since early in November just prior to his visit to or after his return from Caughnawaga.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Stillman and Mrs. Kellogg; and held a meeting in Deers Picture House. Mr. Taillon will at once report if he comes to St. Regis, P.Q., again. I would say that although at his meeting at St. Regis he would be addressing Canadian Indians he personally would not be in Canada while speaking as the International Boundary runs this building diagonally and the stage is in the United States, while more than half the audience would be in Canada.

It might be advisable to have the Department of Indian Affairs notify the Indian Agents at Oka and Caughnawaga to be on the outlook for him should he return to hold any further meetings, with the object in view of notifying the Department.

S.M. Robertson

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S.M. Robertson.
Det. Const.
Rest. No. 9765.

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The Commissioner

Forwarded for your information. This man has not been around for some time. A watch will be kept on his activities and it will be reported if anything should turn up.

T.S. Belcher
(T.S. Belcher) Supt.,
Commanding "A" Division

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March 5th, 1923.

MEMORANDUM

The Officer Commanding,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
"A" Division,
Ottawa.

Re- Ex-Congressman Svarts - Potsdam, N.Y.,
Indian Reserve at St. Regis, P.Q.

With reference to previous reports submitted in the above connection, I enclose herewith, for your information, copy of communication, dated the 27th ultimo, which has come to hand from the Department of Indian Affairs, which is self-explanatory.

Albert J. Cardron,
Superintendent,
Director of Criminal Investigation.


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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE
DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL
OTTAWA

446,256

February 27, 1923.

Dear Colonel Starnes,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo, your File D 62 D 2, and inclosed report, with reference to Mr. Everett, ex-Congressman, Potsdam, N.Y., who recently visited the Caughnawaga reserve and addressed the Indians.

I have noted the remarks made in Sergeant Ramsay's report, and it is our desire that Mr. Everett be watched, and, if he pays another visit to the Indian reserve, that this Department be advised.

Yours very truly,

Duncan Chisholm

Deputy Superintendent General.

Col. Cortlandt Starnes,
Assistant Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa.

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January 10th, 1923.

Sir:-

Re- Ex-Congressman Kwarta- Potsdam, N.Y.,
Indian Reserve at St. Regis, P.Q.


With reference to my communication to you of the 12th instant, in the above connection, I have the honour to enclose herewith, for your information, copy of report dated the 12th instant, which has come to hand from the Officer Commanding "A" Division.

I have the honour to be,

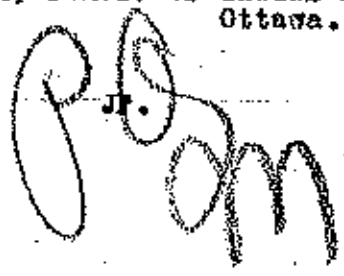
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Cortlandt Starnes,
Assistant Commissioner



The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.



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"A" Division.

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Ottawa, January 12th, 1923.

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The Officer Commanding,
"A" Division, R.C.M. Police.

Report.

Re: Ex-Congressman Everts - Potsdam, N. Y.

For Review
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Copy to Indian Affairs

Referring to my previous reports in this connection I have the honour to further state for your information that the the convention at Caughnawaga was organized by Mrs. Kellogg of Seymour, Wisconsin, and lasted about two weeks, taking place during November.

Everts addressed the meetings and made some very disparaging remarks about the Canadian Government. The convention was attended by practically the entire reservation and was held in the Council House.

It appears Everts has been retained by this organization as counsel, and the object of the meetings is to collect fees for his services and to pay Mrs. Stillman who has been retained to look up all the old treaties. Those attending are asked to subscribe two dollars (\$2.00) for Everts' fees, and two dollars fifty cents (\$2.50) for the organization.

To show that it is, as I have already stated in previous reports, a purely money making scheme, at this convention one young man asked if he could subscribe the two dollars without the two dollars fifty cents, and Mrs. Kellogg turned to Everts and winked, with the express purpose in view of getting the two dollars in any case.

There is no doubt whatever that Everts is well aware the Canadian Indians have no rights and is simply getting their money for nothing. That he and his associates are largely, if not wholly, to blame for the unrest on the Reserves is quite certain.

Mrs. Kellogg was to be at Oka last Saturday, but failed to show up.

(Sgd.) E. H. Robertson,
Det. Const.
Regt. No. 9765.

The above report was written by Detective Robertson at Oka, K.C., on the 11th inst., and was received by me on this date when I had same typed.

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C. I. B.
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Ottawa

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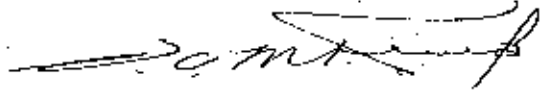
C. A. Ramsey,
Det. Sergt.
Regt. No. 9055.

The Commissioner, -

FORWARDED FOR HIS INFORMATION. This is further to the report of Const. Robertson, dated 6th instant, forwarded by me on the 8th instant.

It would appear from this report that the prime movers of the convention are American subjects; and if, as suggested, it is purely a money making scheme, the action of these people would undoubtedly have a tendency to foment unrest.

I am instructing the Detectives of this Division when they visit Oka to quietly ascertain the general attitude of the natives there, particularly with reference to activities of these American subjects.



(V.A.M. Komp) Insp.,
for O.C. "A" Div. - O.D.S.

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January 12th, 1923.

Sir:-

Re- Ex-Congressman Svarts - Potsdam, N.Y.,
Indian Reserve at St. Regis, P.Q.

I have the honour to enclose herewith three reports dated the 22nd June, 19th July, 1922 and January 5th, 1923, which have come to hand from the Officer Commanding "A" Division, Ottawa, respecting a Mr. Svarts of Potsdam, N.Y., and which I thought might be of some interest to you. Anything further which comes to hand in connection with this matter will be forwarded to you.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Cortlandt Starnes,
Assistant Commissioner

The Deputy Superintendent General,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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The Officer Commanding,
"A" Division, R.C.M.P.

Report.

Re: Ex-Congressman Everts, Potsdam, N.Y.

re Indian Bureau at St. Regis, N.Y.

With reference to my previous reports in connection with this man, who is a lawyer in Potsdam, and who has been interesting himself to a considerable extent in Indian Affairs, I have the honour to state for your further information that while at Oka, P.Q., I was informed by the Rev. Mr. Oak, who is an exceptionally intelligent man, that he had lately attended a convention at Caughanawaga at which Everts was present.

There is apparently another movement on foot for the benefit of American Indians; and which is being backed by Everts, Mrs. Stillman, and a Mrs. Kellogg; and I am given to understand already a sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) has been subscribed, according to my informant this movement is more or less on the lines of the Thunder-water movement, with the object in view of having the old Treaties regarding Indians and their rights taken up.

Mr. Oak asked me to have this matter brought to the attention of the Department of Indian Affairs on account of the fact that at the Convention the main purpose of, apparently, the presence of Everts was simply to obtain money from the Indians of Canada on the pretext that their rights were involved in the same manner as those of the American Indian.

Mr. Oak questioned Mr. Everts at the Convention as to how the legal rights of the Canadian Indian were involved, and the reply given by Mr. Everts was that it was not his custom to commit himself. Mr. Oak assures me that the Canadian Indian's status is not involved in any way whatever; and that it is simply a scheme to obtain money from the Canadian Indians to further the scheme referred to as being backed by these three parties; and he wished the matter brought to the attention of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs with a view to having a stop made to those people coming amongst the Canadian Indians; taking their money; and filling their minds with discontent; assuring me that it is the desire of the law-abiding element on all the Reservations that some stringent action should be taken to put a stop to these practices.

He also mentioned the fact that in addition to the three parties mentioned above an American lawyer by the name of Decker, who is already known to the Dept. of Indian Affairs; and a Canadian lawyer, Chiselm, who has apparently been the means of causing considerable amount of discontent amongst the Six Nation Indians at Brantford, are interested in this movement.

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I would further say that Mr. Oak has in the past kept himself, and is now keeping himself, posted on all these matters; and is in a position to give the Department valuable information should they require it.

S.M. Robertson

S.M. Robertson.
Det. Const.
Regt. No. 9765.

SMR/M
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The Commissioner, -

FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Previous reports in this matter were dated 19th July and the 22nd June last, and were headed re Mr. Everts, Congressman, Albany, N.Y.

Const. Robertson is proceeding to Oks on the 10th instant and I have instructed him to make further enquiries in regard to the convention which he refers to above, as to who attended it, the date it was held and so on.

Further report will follow.

V.A.M. Kemp
(V.A.M. Kemp) Insp.,
for O.C. "A" Division - O.D.S

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police

"A" Division.

Ref. No.

Ottawa, Ont., July 19th, 1922.

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The Officer Commanding,
"A" Division, R. C. M. P.

Report.

Re: -Mr. Everts - Congressman, - Albany, N.Y.

Referring to my previous report re the above man, it appears that he is the Chairman of a Committee, appointed by the State of New York to investigate the status of the Indian in the State.

He has apparently, at different times, advised the Indian not to do this and that until he advises them, with the result that the Indians have come to look upon him as a "know it all", whose word is always correct.

He has issued different pamphlets, some of which have fallen into the hands of the St. Regis Indians, and they have been the cause to a great extent of the unrest.

I am given to understand also that he is allied with Chas. P. Decker, the lawyer of the Six Nations Indians, who accompanied their representatives to England; and who also appears to be very much interested in the present trouble at Brantford.

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S. M. Robertson,
Det. Const.
Regt. No. 9765.

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The Commissioner:-,

FORWARDED FOR HIS INFORMATION. Things are pretty quiet on the Reserves at present and I do not think Mr. Everts is having very much influence there.

Ottawa,
20-7-22.

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Superintendent,
Commanding "A" Division.

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Report.

Re: Mr. Everts - Congressman.

I have the honour to report that from information supplied me by Mr. Taillon, Mr. Everts is, I understand, a Congressman, who has a great deal to do with "Indian rights" and is looked upon by the Indians as an advisor.

He has, I believe, published several pamphlets relative to these rights, and Mr. Taillon informed me that he had heard it was his intention to be present when the Phillips case comes up, or else that some other lawyer from Potsdam would be.

It is understood that they will not be allowed to speak in the event of their appearance unless they can satisfy the court that they are qualified to practice in Quebec.

Further information will be obtained relative to this man.

S.M. Robertson.
Det. Const.
Regt. No. 9765.

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The Commissioner:-,

FORWARDED FOR HIS INFORMATION. This refers to the trouble on the St. Regis Reserve about which I was speaking to you yesterday.

Further information will be obtained about this man.

Ottawa,
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T.S. Belcher,
Superintendent,
Commanding "A" Division.

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Ex-Congressman Swarts, of Potsdam, N.Y., U.S.A. re Indian Reserve at St. Regis, P.Q.	June 15th 1922.	D62 D2.

CROSS REFERENCE

See:—

NAME OR SUBJECT	DATE	FILE No.
Frank Phillips, St. Regis, P.Q., Indian Act.	June 15th 1922	D62-9 D-2.

Extract from report Det. Const. Robertson.

"I may say that Phillips has already been warned by Mr. Trillon orally in my presence, this spring but apparently he along with three other Indians, went to Albany, N.Y., where they interviewed Congressman Swarts, of whom mention was made in a previous report; and he advised them to go ahead and take possession, which he has done by putting in a garden. I am also given to understand that, in the event of Phillips being arrested he has been promised the support of Swarts and the Thunderwater element."