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TO: MR. DUNCAN PRYDE TERRITORIAL COUNCILLOR

Dear Duncan:

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I'm sending you a copy of application to the Commissioner for a Big Game Hunting Outfitting License.

I mailed this to the Commissioner in early Dec. and I did not get a reply yet. I'm hoping this will come through so I can start getting organized, if I get it. I sure hope you can give me support with this, you always want to help the native people and this is one time you can really be a great help. I'm sure you will do your best.

Hope to hear from you before the Territorial Session.

Yours truly,

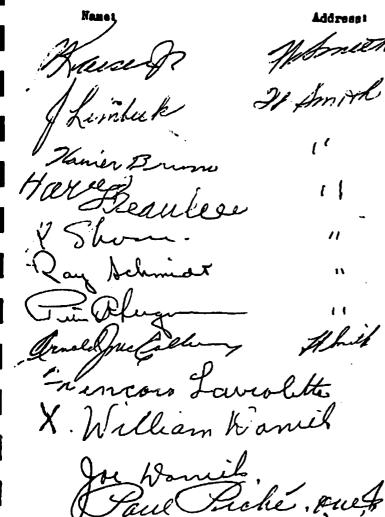
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APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER

OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

FOR A BIG GAME HUNTING OUTFITTING LICENSE

PROJECT:

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The Game Branch of the Territorial Government has in recent years opened the buffalo hunt after the outbreak of anthrax in 1963 had caused a complete shut-down of this popular sport-hunting.

The number of licenses available is expected to increase with the years, and it is hoped that some fifty licenses would be available starting in 1970.

The months most suitable for the hunting of buffalo is the period September 1st to November 30th, as a possible outbreak of anthrax would occur before September 1st.

INTENDED ACTIVITIES

My intentions are to outfit the hunters to the standards of the Game Act. The number of hunters accommodated at one time would be four. This would require two guides and three men based in camp in addition to my own services.

It is proposed that contracts with hunters be signed for a one-week hunt, and that fees be deposited as follows:

> 50% on application 50% upon departure for Camp.

The half deposited upon application would be forefeited if the applicant changed his plans and did not turn up.

Suggested charges would be \$600.00 per week per hunter. This could include all services (as per contract) from the Fort Smith airport and return to the Fort Smith airport.

The area involved is known as the Hook Lake area, N.W. of Fort Smith.

REASONS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

I am an Indian and was born in this area, receiving my schooling here, both in the schoolhouse and living the way my people have done for many years. I am familiar with both the Indian culture and the culture of the Industrial Society.

My employment history includes years of heavy duty equipment operation and mechanics work. I have been associated with the buffalo round-up for a number of years and have, of course, made hunting trips procuring the buffalo meat that sustained me and a number of people of Fort Smith and Fort Resolution. Recently I have been in Calgary and Edmonton to gain information concerning the business of outfitting.

At the present time I am employed by the Territorial Government as Social Development Officer.

The buffalo is one of the resources that my people are familiar with and I feel that a business of this type should be handled and run by Indians. I would also think that this would be an additional tourist attraction.

The Territorial Government has actively supported various programs of self-help among the indigenous people and this would be another one of such programmes. I also feel that in running this outfitting business I would be of greater help to my people than I am now in my present position.

It would create a number of jobs and I would be trying to go into other lines of business as soon as this would be possible (fishing - lodge, woodcutting, etc.)

RESOURCES:

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There are a number of trained guides residing in Fort Smith.

Arrangements for financing the setting up of this operation are being made. I am also asking that the Game Branch be permitted to support me in every way possible. Details of this would have to be worked out later. For instance, assistance when an outbreak of anthrax just before opening day would cancel everything.

I will approach a professional person or firm for accounting and record keeping.

BENEFITS TO COMMUNITY

The benefits to the Communities of Fort Smith and Fort Resolution will be due to the employment of a number of people as stated above. Any monies from the project will be reinvested into other projects in this area. A

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successful business run by Indians may also have beneficial effects socially and politically.

I trust that this application will receive your early attention.

Yours very truly,

F.E. Laviolette, Fort Smith, N.W.T.

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