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February 3, 1915

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

I take pleasure in transmitting herewith a report of an investigation of conditions among the Indians of Western Washington, Oregon and Northern California by Hon. Samuel A. Eliot, member of the Board of Indian Commissioners, which has been approved by the Board.

Cordially yours,  
(Signed) GEORGE VAUX, JR.,  
*Chairman.*

Hon. Franklin K. Lane,  
Secretary of the Interior.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
UNITED STATES BOARD OF INDIAN COMMISSIONERS.

SIR:

In accordance with the instructions of the Board, I have visited a number of Indian schools and reservations in western Washington and Oregon, and have conferred with friends and workers among the Indians in northern California.

In Washington, I visited the Cushman, Tulalip and Quinaielt agencies—conferred with the superintendents and with many teachers, missionaries, traders, employes of the Indian Service, and philanthropic citizens. I interviewed the representatives of the timber or oil corporations that are or may be interested in leases on the reservations. I also held a number of conferences with delegations of Indians representing all the tribes and reservations in western Washington, except Neah Bay, and met with the officers and members of the Northwestern Federation of American Indians, who expressed their views with perfect freedom and sometimes with real eloquence.

## I. Quinaielt.

I visited the Quinaielt Reservation in company with Congressman Albert Johnson, Mr. Archer, the former allotting agent on the reservation, the presidents of the two canning companies which maintain trading posts at Tahola, two public-spirited ministers from Tacoma and Hoquiam, and other interested citizens. We visited the village and school at Tahola, the trading stations, the fishing grounds, the Presbyterian mission and the homes of the Indians. We held a council with the Indians and learned their point of view and their needs.