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THE BRANTFORD LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Mrs. R. A. Farmer,  
9 Ruth St.,  
Brantford

The Hon. Ross Macdonald, K.C.,  
Speaker of the House of Commons, Ottawa

Dear Mr. Macdonald;

The executive of the Brantford Local Council of Women in meeting at the Red Cross Headquarters, May 17, 1950, hereby protest the action of the Department of Indian Affairs in conducting the survey now in progress on the Six Nations Reservation, on behalf of the Anthropological Division of the National Museum.

We consider the questions asked the Indian women in this survey to be highly improper and an infringement on their private life.

We would appreciate a detailed explanation as to the reason the Department of Indian Affairs permitted such personal questions to be asked of the Indian women or of any women, anywhere. In our opinion such a survey, if conducted at all, should be by trained investigators with the consent of the Indian Council on the Reservation.

Enclosed is a copy of the questionnaire. We are sending this to you knowing it will receive your earnest attention.

I remain, Your's truly (Sgd.) L. F. Farmer

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