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Right Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes
Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions
Washington, D. C.

Box 477
Bend, Oregon.
Jan. 11, 1938.
Ans. _____ Ent. _____ On _____
Pol'd _____ Masses _____ Dr. _____
Letter to _____ C.O. _____
Ship't _____ Work Slip O.K. _____ P.O. _____
Copy to L.S. _____ List _____ H.O. _____
Copy to _____ D.G. or Ref. _____ Sp. _____

Baker City

Dear Monsignor

I have delayed answering your kind letter with the hope of obtaining some information, but unfortunately wisdom did not come with the delay. In the years I attended the Warm Springs Reservation I do not believe there was a Catholic child attending the Govt. School. The Agent at the time was very friendly to the Catholics. His wife happened to be a good Catholic and he would be very willing to supply the information. No one for upwards of thirty years previous to my visit had attended the Reservation, and I could trace the passage of only one missionary through the place. He was said to have Baptised a number of Indians but I failed to obtain any evidence of the fact. My successors reports were similar. Father Ketchum on the occasion of one of his visits to the Reservation, called to Bend. He told us our visits would be useless unless we had a Catechist. He promised to send one. The good father died some months later and the Catechist did not come. We have done very little for the Indians since that time.

Regretting very much my inability to give you the desired information

Sincerely yours

Luke Cheekon