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Re: Payment of Excise by Indians.

Indians have never been granted exemption from the payment of excises on automobiles. The act providing for these payments does not use the word "tax" but simply "excise" and recites that it is payment for permission to operate an automobile on the highways of the State. The Secretary of State tells me that he has never had any claim for such exemption from Indians, and this morning the Indian Agent of the State and Norman McDonald, Director of Social Service, who has general charge of Indian affairs, tell me that the Indians have always paid this excise and have been advised that they must.

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