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While the accident which caused Mr. Olson's loss was unavoidable, it is recognized that the fire was started through forest officers cooking a meal while occupying the cabin. The department recognizes a measure of responsibility in this matter and recommends that Mr. Olson be compensated for his loss. It was estimated by forest officers at the time of the fire that the cabin and furnishings were worth approximately $900.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. Dunlap, Acting Secretary.

January 14, 1926.

Submitted to the Bureau of the Budget, pursuant to Circular No. 49 of that bureau, and returned to the Department of Agriculture under date of January 13, with the advice that the foregoing is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.