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P. O. of Canada in ans to complaints that

Can. Inds have crossed into USA - says (in effect)

① Most of the bison - always have done so - "the ~~violation~~ of an imaginary boundary line of nomadic Inds in search of their means of subsistence is not an offence vs ~~the~~ nat. law; + no crimes ... are alleged to have been committed -"

(Complaint was really that Can Inds "drive to buy away fr. Big Inds of USA.) Ans - Amer Inds for decades have done same in Canada + their movements have never been checked by govt of U.S.," hard to drive, + harder because of pres. of amer. 1000 Inds of U.S. entirely dependent upon chase for living - who almost exterminated game in Can hunt grounds -
∴ cross border

② Can. always does her best to punish criminals + US off will bear witness to promptness + efficiency of Intl Pol of Can.

③ Orders given Intl Pol. to catch + punish Inds who ~~might~~ have been guilty of crim. offences vs ~~the~~ law in U.S. But no forcing of any overt act has been ~~off~~ supplied by U.S. ^{any} officers -

④ Can will consent to restrain Inds fr. cross line, if concerted action be taken by U.S. + Can. US govt has not responded to this req. Can will consider any plan - if it can be arranged + enforced -

Response to Blair's note to Drummond 25 Aug 81