

You should also interview the Chinese tenants as a group and ascertain from them on what terms they would continue to operate the gardens on the reserve if such continuation is possible. It would appear to us that even if we had to reduce the rents from \$35.00 to \$25.00, or even lower, to enable the Chinese tenants to pay their taxes it is still a lot better than permitting the gardens to fall into disuse.

An alternative to this might be that the Indians, who are not taxable, might operate the gardens themselves even should supervision be necessary. You might advise this office whether or not such a possibility exists, though from our limited knowledge of the Indians at this point it would not appear particularly practical.

This matter appears to us to be of some urgency, particularly with reference to the water installations. It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would give it your attention and report at your convenience.

Yours truly,

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Director.

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