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Dept. of Indian Affairs
Duncan, B.C.

Attention: Mr. R.H. Moore

Dear Sir:

Referring to our letters of October 29th, 1946 and December 3rd, 1946, regarding our plans to install a small portable sawmill on I.R. 13, Chemainus, and your letter of February 10th wherein you state there will be favourable consideration given to our application for a sawmill. We are now prepared to move a portable sawmill to I.R. 13 in the very near future possibly within two weeks. As we outlined in the letters referred to above the logs which we will be able to salvage through a portable mill operation will amount to considerably more in stumpage to the Indian Department and to the Indians as the timber now left on I.R. 13 is too small to log for the open market. Also, a large amount of tops and broken pieces which are now left on the Reserve will be salvaged.

We would necessarily have to put the roads leading out from the Reserve in good condition so that we may haul the lumber to the Dominion Government Assembly Dock in Nanaimo or to Chemainus. We would accumulate a considerable amount of fuel which would be available to the Indians and will also offer steady employment to those Indians who would be desirous and available.

Our present contracts expire each year on April 30th and we now ask for a renewal for a period of from five to ten years as outlined in our letter of October 29th.

The mill will be cutting from seven to ten thousand per day and will be moved from time to time to various areas on I.R. 13.

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