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P. O. Box 70.

Vancouver, B.C., May 10, 1938.

Dear Sir:

I have to confirm the following message, forwarded through the Signal Distributing Office, R.C.N. Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C., for transmission to the Department:-

"Pending decision regarding division of Lower Kootenay Indian Reserve Bruner Reclamation Project, recommend that Agent be authorized to lease for one year acreage on forty sixty basis from which Indians benefited last year, forty percent of returns from crop to go to Indians or that Agent make the best arrangements now possible to plow and seed this tract and expense in connection with same to be deducted from crop returns. Wire reply, urgent."

On the 21st of March I forwarded to the Department a resolution of the Lower Kootenay Band with respect to their Reserve No.4 (Lot 10002) included in the Bruner project. The Indians agreed by the terms of the resolution to surrender approximately one-half of the Reserve for the work done by Dr. Bruner.

Until a definite decision is made in connection with this matter and a subdivision survey carried out, establishing the line of division between the area being retained by the Indians and that set apart for conveyance to Dr. Bruner, a definite policy with respect to the cultivation of the full Indian section of the acreage cannot be decided on.

The Indian owners of the Reserve have but a few horses and no modern equipment to work and develop the area and, if they are to undertake this themselves, Departmental assistance will be required. In the meantime I consider it would be best to lease

The Secretary,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ont.

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