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Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

Your Files 36155-6-3 (R.2) and 9155-9 (R.2)  
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Following receipt of Mr. D. J. Allan's letter of July 24th in connection with the application of Arthur Peterson to lease 50 acres of land on Lower Kootenay Reserve No. 1C (Nicks Island), and in particular the question of what portion of the reserve should be designated as part of the estate of Nicholas Pascal, we have had considerable correspondence with Mr. Indian Agent Dunn without securing any definite information other than that the area in the south-west corner of the reserve known as Nicks Garden is undoubtedly part of the estate and that Johnnie George, under the terms of the Will of the late Nick Pascal, is entitled to be recognized as owner. A copy of my letter of January 11th to Mr. Dunn is enclosed for your information, together with Mr. Dunn's reply of January 25th and statement by Arthur Peterson relinquishing any claim to the area by virtue of the lease which he holds on the reserve.

It is recommended that Johnnie George's ownership of Nick's Garden be confirmed by the Department and that the question of ownership of areas (2) and (3) referred to in my letter of January 11th be left in abeyance until spring when Mr. Dunn has an opportunity to inspect the area.

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Encl.

D. M. MacKay,  
Indian Commissioner for B.C.