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Indian Commissioner,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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Re: Chekwelep Indian Reserve No 26 - water supply pipe line location.

As you know we asked the Surveys and Engineering Branch to secure descriptions to include in easements required in connection with the above water supply pipe line, and Mr. McElhanney completed the survey of the properties concerned and forwarded descriptions through the aforesaid branch last year.

The descriptions refer only to the location of the pipe line itself across Lot E. Lot D, on Government road, 5 acre parcel, pipe to intake and they provide for no right-of-way.

As this branch was not quite certain just how much of the descriptions furnished would be required in the easement we asked the Surveys and Engineering Branch to review the matter and indicate what should be included. Last October that branch informed me that they had under way the collection of information as to what easements had already been registered and what easements were still required and the procedure necessary. Nothing further on the subject was received until June 21st of this year when it was recommended by the Surveys and Engineering Branch that our pipe line be laid to follow the road allowance westerly along the north side of Lot "D" and thence southerly along the road allowance along the west ends of Lots "D and E" to the tank. It was stated that this was in order to avoid difficulties in the future in regard to easements and the right to supply the owners of Lots "D and E" with water, etc.

Accompanying the aforementioned memorandum was a letter from the Chief Engineer of the Dept. of Public Works of the Province with reference to the status of the road allowance to the west of Lots "D and E" and I quote this letter:-

"Whilst we have received applications for the closing of this road allowance, I may say that according to our records such closure has never been accomplished, nor has any permission been granted for the use of this road allowance by private individuals."

Will you kindly discuss the matter with Mr. Webb, who wrote to his branch on the subject in detail on Feb. 7, and Feb. 21, 1946.

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