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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
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New Westminster, B.C.,
May 31, 1956.

W. S. Arnell, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Leases - Peter D. Furniss
Locatee - George Matheson,
Tzeachten Indian Reserve

The attached draft lease has been completed by Peter David Furniss of Sardis, B.C., and covers a portion of the location of George Matheson of the Tzeachten Band.

The area is reasonably accurately described and is required mainly because of the four-room dwelling. Rental has been agreed upon at \$50.00 per month with payment having been received here for the month of June, 1956. The lease is to run for a term of five years at an annual rental of \$600.00 payable quarterly in advance.

A location resolution dated April 13, 1953, was forwarded through your office in connection with George Matheson's property and as yet has not been approved, the required approval being delayed because of a property dispute which concerns land already located to Ronald Bacon and approved.

George Matheson is residing temporarily in the house located on Ronald Bacon's property for which we probably will be able to arrange a lease with Bacon. This particular house has been vacant for two years and Matheson's occupation of it is preferred to allowing it to deteriorate further.

As Mr. Matheson requires the rent returns to augment his living expenses, it is recommended the lease be approved. There is no doubt whatsoever in connection with the ownership of the property to be leased. An early decision will be appreciated.

J. C. Letcher
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Superintendent.
New Westminster Indian Agency.

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