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West Coast Agency,
114 4th Avenue South,
Port Alberni, B.C.

22 January 1951.

W.S. Arneil Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.
Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Timber Toquaht Reserve No. 2

With reference to the above and further to my letter of January 9 the following covers the contracting of the timber of the above Reserve.

In October Mr. Ridell of the Tidewater Contracting Company contacted me by telephone from Nanaimo advising that Chief Cecil Mack of the Toquaht Band was in his office and wished to speak to me. The Chief came on the phone and told me that he had been talking to Mr. Ridell regarding the logging off of the timber on their No. 2 Reserve and wished me to make an agreement up for Mr. Ridell to log this off. Mr. Ridell later called at the office where terms were discussed and the following agreed upon. Mr. Ridell was to log off and sell all hemlock, balsam, Grade 3 Spruce and Cedar to the Alberni Pacific Lumber Company at Port Alberni, the amount of \$4.00 per thousand FEM for this timber was to go to the Receiver General and 50% of any funds received above the basic price \$35.00 would be paid to the Toquaht Timber Trust Account. All Grade 1 and 2 of Spruce and Cedar would be shipped to Vancouver and sold on the Market there, on this sale the amount of \$4.00 would go to the Receiver General and anything above the basic price of timber at the Alberni Pacific Lumber Co. Mill at Port Alberni plus the cost of transporting of the timber to Vancouver would be divided 50% going to the Contractor, 50% to the Toquaht Timber Trust Account.

This Agreement was drawn up and given to Mr. Ridell on December 2 for him to submit to his partners for approval or, if necessary, alteration. Later on this same date Mr. D.C. Dickinson called at the office and advised that he and his partner were interested in obtaining the timber on this Reserve and were prepared to pay \$5.50 per thousand FEM. He was advised at this time that where possible it was found that more funds were available for the Indians when the timber was contracted out and logged off. He then advised that his partner Mr. Walters would be in on Tuesday to discuss the subject further I advised him that I would not be here as I was going up the coast but that Mr. Homan would see him. Mr. Walters and Mr. Dickinson came to the office on December 6 and were interviewed by Mr. Homan who received the same offer as was given to me, that is, \$5.50 for all timber removed but that they would consider a Contract offer.

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