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May 23rd, 1947.

Your File 30152-6 R.3

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

Re: Chemainus Indian Reserve No. 13
Standard Logging Co. Licence No. 266

With referenceto Mr. D. J. Allan's letter of May 19th I am forwarding Mr. Indian Agent Moore's letter of May 21st and communication from the Standard Logging Co., agreeing to payment of rates as set out in Mr. Hoey's letter of May 7th and ground rental at the rate of 20¢ per acre. Payment of ground rental should be confined to 1374 acres rather than 1612 acres as stated by Mr. Moore who was not aware at the time of writing that three parcels, comprising approximately 238 acres, were definitely excluded in Surrender No. 799.

You will note the Company refers to the establishment of a portable sawmill on the Reserve. It is reasonable to suppose that considerably more timber could be salvaged by use of a portable sawmill with consequently greater return to the Indians over a longer period and subject to the usual conditions with respect to disposal of mill waste and the elimination of fire hazards, the proposal is recommended for approval. It is presumed that as the Company are paying ground rent they may be permitted to operate the portable mill at any point on the Reserve included in their timber licence.

I am today asking Mr. Moore to secure from the Company licence renewal fee and ground rental on 1374 acres.

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Encls.

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

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