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In reply to your letter of September 20, 1944, reference to disposal of funds derived from sale of timber from Cypress Bay I.R. No. 19, I feel that there is some misunderstanding as to the status of the different Bands in the Clayoquot District.

There is one distinct Band named the Clayoquot Band, but this does not embrace all the Bands in the Clayoquot District.

The different Bands as shown in your letter are correctly named and all situated in Clayoquot Area, but are all distinct from each other, and are static and do not intermingle.

The Marktosia Reserve, being one of the Ahousaht Band reserves, the trust account No. 242 should be transferred to Ahousaht Account.

The Manhauset Band is almost extinct, there being only two members of the original band alive, and they have been absorbed into the Ahousaht Band.

The Bands of the Clayoquot District, with their population, are as shown below, and are considered quite distinct and separate from each other:

Clayoquot Band - Reserves #1 to 10 - Pop.	164.
Keltsomaht " - Reserves #11 to 14- "	85.
Ahousaht Band - Reserves #15 to 26- "	205.
Manhauset Band - Reserves #27 to 29- "	2.

I would respectfully recommend that separate accounts be set up for each Band, as to credit the proceeds of timber or minerals to the tribe as a whole would cause endless trouble and difficulty.

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