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West Coast Indian Agency,
Alberni, B.C.,
April 22, 1915

Sir:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr H. W. Vander Veen of Ucluelet, which has been written at the request of four Indians of the Ucluelet Band. As the Indians and Mr Vander Veen were not satisfied with my decision, I advised them to refer the matter to the Commissioners.

A few of the Ucluelets claim part of No. 8 Equis Reserve and known by them as Ke-na-ah. They have been in the habit of occupying this piece of land during the dog fishing season, but they have never been recognized as the rightful owners. It is not the band as a whole who are making the complaint, but these four men, mentioned in Mr Vander Veen's letter; in fact, one of these men has abandoned his claim and has given his house to Chief Shewish of the Seshaht Band, the rightful owners of this Reserve. At the time of my last visit to Ucluelet, April 5, I ordered the Ucluelet Indians to vacate Ke-na-ah and to remove their houses. Another matter which must be taken into consideration is that if the claim of the Ucluelets was recognized it would form a very poor precedent and would be taken advantage of all along the Coast, as there are very few reserves which some Indian or Indians of another band do not claim. I am enclosing sketch of the reserve in question.

Your obedient servant

(sd) Chas. A. Cox,
Indian Agent

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Royal Commission on Indian Affairs,
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(Enclosed)

Ucluelet, B.C.,
April 19, 1915

The Royal Commission
on Indian Affairs for
the Province of B.C.,

Gentlemen:

The following members of the Ucluelet Band of Indians, viz. Schoon Jack, Jackson, Louis, Kleshe Bob and Albert have asked me to write to you to present their claim to the reserve known as Ke-na-ah, which at the present time is ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ part of the Seshaht Reserve No. 8.

It seems that it is a reserve that has been occupied by them and their forefathers for at least six generations. When the survey was made of these lands through some mistake Ke-na-ah was included in the Seshaht Reserve, although these Indians never questioned but what it was