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March 15, 1932.

Dear Sir:-

Re-A.H. Lomas Defalcation Account.

In connection with your letter of the 25th ultimo referring to Mr. O'Neill's report, in which it was pointed out he had made no mention of \$857.88 which should have been credited to the Qualicum Band, I have to inform you this error was noted some time ago in this office, but at the time of receiving the tabulated statement from the Department the omission of this amount was not noticed. I, therefore, wrote to the Department on the 1st instant drawing attention to this discrepancy and am now in receipt of a further letter showing that the correction has been made and it is stated that the distribution of funds available will be made on the basis of 42.26% instead of 43.64%. I am attaching hereto for your information and future guidance a copy of letter received from the Department today together with an amended tabulation. You should, therefore, cancel the statement forwarded to you on the 10th February last.

You will observe that \$570.49 credited to the Somenos Band will be held by the Department at my suggestion that this should be the case until such time as the Indians can agree among themselves as to who are to receive any of the compensation for the Canadian National Railway right-of-way.

Yours respectfully,

WED/KD.

Enclosures:-

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