Ottawa, September 17, 1930.

Sir, -

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th instant referring to an alleged discovery of gold on the Kanaka Bar Indian Reserve No. 4, in the Province of British Columbia.

You refer to a letter which a Mr. Rutledge now deceased, is supposed to have written to this Department in the year 1916 or 1917 dealing with this matter. I may say that a thorough search of our files has been made and it appears that no such letter was ever received here.

Your obedient servant,

A. F. MacKenzie, Secretary.

J. M. Rich, Esq., 307 Pantages Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

Indian Affairs. (RG 10, Volume 8070, Eile 976/20-5-21-4, pt. 1)