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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter No.C-6-233, dated August 17th, last, reporting on the conviction of Kitwancool Indians under the B.C. Game Act, I beg to say I am returning herewith the correspondence which you submitted for my perusal.

I took the matter up with Inspector Pragnell who was at Prince Rupert, who in turn conferred with Mr. Martin and had correspondence with Mr. Van Dyk. Inspector Pragnell has sent me some details of his investigation, the paramount suggestion being that if you will consult the maps supplied to your office and to the office of the Provincial Police at Hazelton by the Game Department it will be noted that there is considerable territory open for registration of Indian traplines in the vicinity of the Cranberry River where the Kitwancool Indians claim to have trapping rights. Mr. Martin states that the Indian Agent is in a better position to interview the Indians and ascertain their requirements than are the officials of the Game Branch.

If under the foregoing circumstances trapping lines can be thus obtained it would seem to be advisable that you give these Indians such advice as will lead them to register suitable lines, thereby eliminating the necessity for trespassing upon lines which have already been alienated under licenses by the Provincial Government.

Your obedient servant,

Encl
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