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Copy for the information of  
Major D.M. MacKay, Vancouver.

Ottawa, Ontario,  
September 20th, 1944.

P.B. Ashbridge, Esq., Indian Agent, West Coast Agency,  
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Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 7th, 1944, with reference to the disposal of funds derived from the sale of timber taken from Cypress Bay, Indian Reserve No. 19. It is noted that you are of the opinion that these funds should have been credited to the Ahousaht Band instead of to the Clayoquot Band. If you will note the most recent schedule of Indian Reserves you will see that Clayoquot Band occupy 34 reserves. The schedule allots these as follows: Clayoquot tribe in general are assigned 11 reserves comprising 634.10 acres, the Kelsemart Band of the Clayoquot tribe - 5 reserves comprising 250 acres, the Ahousaht Band of the Clayoquot tribe - 14 reserves comprising 974.20 acres, the Manhauset Band of the Clayoquot tribe - 4 reserves comprising 140.08 acres.

In settling this question it would be helpful if you would let us know whether or not the individuals occupying these reserves are fairly static or whether the whole population circulates seasonally or otherwise between different reserves held by the tribe or band.

It is questionable whether we would be justified in setting up a new trust account for the Indians living in the Wahous (Fishery) Cypress Bay, Indian Reserve No. 19, or if we could properly, as it appears you recommend, credit these funds to the Indians occupying reserves Nos. 15-26 inclusive, together with reserves Nos. 32 and 33. A third course would be that the entire sum be credited to the Clayoquot Band, Trust Account No. 288, which is what has already been done, because from the schedule referred to it appears that No. 19 is only one of the reserves allotted to the Ahousaht section of the Clayoquot tribe.

If our records are correct the Marktosis Reserve No. 15 already has a trust account, No. 242, with the small balance of \$28.88, all in interest account.

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