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Prince Rupert, B. C.,
February 17, 1941.

Dear Sir: Re: Hartley Bay Council,
 Your file 32-168.

Replying to your letter of May 21st, 1940, and to which my attention was called by yours of January 25th last, permit me to say that I can only reiterate what I have already stated in previous letters, that according to the council records at Hartley Bay, they have elected nine councillors, including the chief, every three years, since 1916, and the present council was elected in 1939. Their names were submitted in my letter of February 20, 1940. Apparently the elections were held by the missionary but the names were never forwarded to the Indian Office, as I am unable to locate anything of this nature in our files.

There is no record in this office that the by-laws were confirmed by the Department.

Hartley Bay is one of the best managed villages in this Agency, and I would suggest that the Department approve of the council which is already elected and allow them to continue until January 1942.

Yours faithfully,

J. Gillett,
Indian Agent.

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The Secretary,
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