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Re: Timber Permits

With reference to our recent telephone conversation with your office, our several experiences with contract logging under permit in your agency indicate that such arrangements are not possible within the Timber Regulations.

It is most unfortunate that such arrangements were ever encouraged in the first place for we now find ourselves in the most difficult position of having to refuse to issue timber permits unless the Indians themselves do the logging which in most areas is not possible; this, in spite of the fact that we have apparently condoned similar arrangements in the past.

The fact remains, however, that unless the Indians themselves wish to log under permit their timber may not be cut and sold unless following surrender, advertisement and sale, and to bring the matter to a head I would suggest that you advise interested Bands in your agency accordingly.

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W. S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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