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Ottawa, July 5th. 1939.

Dear Sir:-

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 27th, reporting the application of Mr. A. J. McPherson to lease a portion of the Nesikep Reserve No. 6 for the purpose of working placer deposits.

In reply I wish to point out that as the land in question includes an Indian cemetery and Indian improvements, the consent of the Indians by way of release or surrender would be necessary in the first instance.

As it is noted that Mr. McPherson wishes to first test out the ground, there appears to be no objection to this action as such would fall within the authority already given him to prospect on this reserve.

The Nesikep Placers Ltd. who at one time held a lease of the same area, apparently still hold some rights from the Provincial Government by way of placer leases, and it is not likely that the District Gold Commissioner would be in a position to grant any placer rights to Mr. McPherson until the question of the previous Nesikep Placers Ltd. lease has been finally settled.

In this connection I would refer you to letter from Commissioner MacKay to you on this subject, dated April 14th, last.

Yours very truly,

A. Strang Esq.
Indian Agent
Lytton, B.C.

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For Superintendent
Reserves & Trusts.