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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

File 4767-32

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Prince Rupert District.
Application for Right-of-Way for proposed diversion of Massett-Tow Hill Road through Yakoun Indian Reserve No.3, Yakoun Point, Graham Island, Queen Charlotte Is.

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With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, your file 23/11/31631, in connection with the above, and copy of letter addressed to you by your Agent Mr. Gillett dated the 20th October, I may say I have had an opportunity of enquiring very fully into this matter.

It would seem that we are taking almost two acres of land over and above the 1/20. Such land today would be highly priced at \$20.00 an acre. The timber which will have to be cut is practically valueless. I am anxious and willing that the Indians should be treated with the greatest fairness but in these very hard times and particularly where undoubtedly the road is of advantage to the Indians, I am sure you will wish to assist us to the fullest extent. I would therefore suggest that you discuss with Mr. Gillett our offer of \$40.00 in full. We on our part will see that the Indians are given every reasonable opportunity of cutting such timber from the right-of-way as they may wish.

Mr. Brady the Department's local official, unfortunately was unable to discuss this matter personally with Mr. Gillett as this gentleman lives at Massett while Mr. Brady's headquarters are at Prince Rupert. I feel that this is a very fair plan we are making and I shall be glad to hear from you that this is acceptable.

Yours obediently,
P. PHILIP.

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