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June 29, 1955.

Dear Friend:

On July 20th and 21st, there will be held in Vancouver, B.C. a very important meeting at which the Deputy-Minister, Col. Laval Fortier; the Director, Col. R.M. Jones; Mr. Len Brown, Superintendent, Reserves and Trusts; and Mr. C.I. Fairholm of the Headquarters Branch will be present.

These senior officials of the Department wish to meet a representative group of our Indian people, who discuss with them the Indian Act and Indian Affairs generally. They are anxious to hear the views of your people through a selected member of your Band chosen by the Council.

The meeting in Vancouver is to include representatives from the New Westminster, Kwawkwath (Alert Bay), West Coast (Alberni), Cowichan (Duncan) and our own Vancouver Agency. The meetings will not be public and will be limited in Vancouver to not more than 40 delegates from the five Agencies.

This means that not more than one member can be selected from your Band. The person chosen should be one fully competent to speak for his people, with a sound understanding of the English language, and preferably one who is fully conversant with the affairs of his people, their thoughts on the Indian Act and Indian Affairs in general. It is not absolutely essential that he or she be a Councillor, but it is obvious that the delegate from your Band should be one who knows intimately the work and place of the Council in the life of your people.

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