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West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B.C.,
January 28, 1943.

D. M. MacKay, Esq., Indian Commissioner, P. O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

I have the honour to advise the Department that I recently found that the Department of Transport had occupied I.R. No. 4, Koo Too Wis, Indian River, situated near Tofino, V.I., without permission.

This was for the purpose of setting up a camp for the Coast Construction Company, who are building air runways. During their occupancy they destroyed a small building and smoke house, property of Chief Edward Joe, Clayoquot Band.

I took this matter up with Mr. R. A. Tobey, Resident Engineer, and he proposed to pay rental at the rate of \$35.00 per month from date of occupation, and to compensate Chief Joe by leaving two camp buildings when work is completed, about September 1943.

This is a just and fair offer and I would respectfully recommend that it be accepted under the circumstances. Re payment, this will be made by the Coast Construction Company, if acceptable to the Department of Transport, and I would recommend that part be paid to Chief Joseph, and the remainder to the band fund, say \$15.00 to Chief Joseph and \$20.00 to the Band fund.

Enclosed please find report of Mr. Tobey, addressed to District Airway Engineer, in explanation of their occupancy.

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