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Indian Affairs Branch,  
Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Re: Okanagan I.R.1 - Timber

With reference to Mr. D. J. Allan's letter of April 3rd, we had hoped until recently that the Provincial Forest Service would be able to provide the information we require with regard to the timber on the above mentioned Reserve but you will note from their letter of May 1st attached that logging activities in British Columbia have increased to such an extent that the Forest Service is hard pressed to look after their own Provincial timber lands.

Their suggestion that we employ the services of a consulting forester was conveyed to Supt. Sampson who is of the opinion that the Band would be willing to pay for such service from their Trust Funds. Timber prices are so high at the present time that we feel any Band with merchantable timber in fair quantities can afford to pay for the services of a consulting forester and we are very much in favour of such an arrangement. May I please have the Department's reaction.

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Encl.

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

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