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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

New Westminster, B.C.
May 7th, 1954.

W. S. Arnell, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Lease No. 1109 - Skwah Indian Reserve No. 4

With reference to Departmental letter of March 30th, 1954, their file 153/32-17-4-8, herewith please find enclosed Lease indenture forms in triplicate completed between Stanley Walker Keith and Sylvia Williams. Said Lease covers an area of 6 acres of usable land on the Skwah Indian Reserve No. 4 and is for a term of three years from May 1st, 1954, at an annual rental of \$90.00, to be paid as follows: \$40.00 on or before May 1st and the balance prior to November 1st, 1954. Rental monies for the first period have not as yet been paid into this office but will be collected before the Lease indenture forms are returned to Mr. Keith.

We have been unable to contact Mrs. Sylvia Williams for a considerable period but rather than miss the opportunity of earning some revenue from this land, which would otherwise be lying idle, I have signed on Sylvia's behalf.

The land concerned was originally owned by Matthew Williams and on his decease was left to his wife, Sylvia Williams, her ownership being approved by Departmental letter of May 2nd, 1953, their file 9153-84 R.5.

Although the total area of this field is approximately 8 acres, only 6 of it are usable for agricultural purposes, the remaining 2 acres being taken up with brush and trees along the west and south boundaries as shaded in green on the attached plan. The shading of the trees overshadows a greater portion of the area with the result that crops in the western half of the land are very poor, which is the reason that this land is rented at \$90.00 per annum rather than at \$114.00 as is the Francis Williams land in the adjacent field.

This is a renewal of Lease No. 1109 and it is recommended that said Lease be approved as drafted.

Recommended 11-5-54
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

AMA:mw:Encl.

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Superintendent

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