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AIR MAIL

Prince Rupert, B. C. 17th December, 1941

Dear Sir:

Re: Hartley Bay Council and previous correspondence

The Election of a Council for this Village will take place on January 8th next. It will be elected according to the Indian Act which means they will hold office for a period of one year instead of three as formerly. I would appreciate it if the Department would write me stating that they would give the newly elected council official sanction so that I may inform them at the time of the election. The Hartley Bay Village is the best governed in the whole Agency.

When I informed them that they were not under the Advancement part of the Indian Act they were greatly disappointed and hostile remarks were passed to the effect that the Council system should be abandoned.

Yours faithfully,

JG: P

J. Gillett Indian Agent

The Secretary, Indian Affairs Branch Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Canada.

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