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With reference to your letter of October 11th and Mr. Indian Agent Ashbridge's report dated October 2nd in connection with disposal of funds derived from the sale of timber from Cypruss Bay Indian Reserve No. 19, it would appear that Mr. Ashbridge's division of the Clayoquot tribe is that of the Royal Commission of 1913 and there appears to be no reason why this division should not be maintained inasmuch as apparently it is the understanding of the Indians that the tribe is broken up into Bands as indicated. It would appear that the absorption of the Manhauset Band into the Ahousaht Band was recognized by the Royal Commission and the two should be combined, particularly as the membership of the former has now decreased to two only.

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For D.M. MacKay,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.

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