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Dear Mr. Gibson:

I have received your letter of January 23rd enclosing the original of a letter from Sam Paul, Ahousaht, relative to the distribution of timber monies being received from the sale of timber from their Reserves 17, 18, 19 and 20, which Reserves are being logged under contract by the Advance Logging Company.

Sam's request to have more than one-third of the profits from the operation distributed has been repeated by himself and some Band members for some months. I discussed the matter with Sam personally on November 8th and wrote to Mr. Garrard confirming my interview. I attach hereto a copy of this letter.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Garrard today he advised me that the Band, through a solicitor, wrote to our Minister concerning the same request. The Honourable Mr. Harris replied that one-third was the maximum cash payment which should be distributed, the remaining two-thirds should be credited to Band Funds for their use under the extended provisions of the new Act. The Band Council, including Sam, recently agreed to the one-third cash distribution and completed a resolution to that effect so the matter has now been finally settled. In view of this I am somewhat surprised that Sam continues to bring up the matter.

The two-thirds being credited to Band Funds can, as you are aware, be used for the welfare of the Band in such matters as home improvements and whatever purpose they wish as provided by the Act. I would personally be sorry to see a request from them for a further cash distribution at this time. It is recalled that the new two-room school and nurses' quarters and dispensary have been duly completed on the Reserve and are in full operation and at present we are installing a

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