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19th Mar., 1940.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a complaint from Mr. Indian Agent Harper Reed to the effect that the trapline of Tommy Nass has been reduced and the amount cut off added to the Pat McClusky trapline.

I have already questioned the right of issuance of traplines over the Dominion Government Telegraph Line Reserve without the owners' consent, and it would appear to me that the action taken in this case, on the grounds that Tommy Nass is holding two separate lines, is hardly warranted, and in any event I do not feel that it is in conformity with the policy of your Department to re-arrange Indian traplines without consulting this Department. Consequently, it will be appreciated if you will kindly hold the matter in abeyance pending the outcome of my contention regarding the Dominion Government property that is the present cause of the Nass line being divided into two separate parcels.

It would be appreciated if, where drastic action of this nature is proposed, the matter could be first taken up with this Department in order to give us an opportunity of reviewing the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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T. Van Dyk,  
Inspector, Game Division,  
PRINCE GEORGE, B.C.

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

COPY SENT TO INDIAN AGENT HARPER REED.

copy sent to Game Commissioner, Vancr., with copy of  
Blakiston-Gray's letter of Dec. 2/39, and  
tracing.

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