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Ottawa, 5th December, 1910.


Sir:-

I beg to inform you that the Indians of Hesquiat village in Mr. Neil's Agency have made application to the Department to sanction the expenditure of \$400.00 for the purpose of installing a water system at their village. It is stated that a large portion of the village is built on a flat adjoining the sea, and that the present water supply is of a very inferior character. It is also stated that there is a small spring on a hill a little distance from the village, which could be tapped and that the amount of piping required will be about 3000 ft. I enclose herewith for your information, copy of a letter which Rev. G. Moser sent to Mr. Neil reporting in regard to the source of the water supply referred to. The Department is disposed to consider the matter of granting the request, but is inclined to think that it is doubtful whether an unfailing supply of water could be obtained in the manner proposed. I have to request that you will kindly look into the matter upon the first opportunity and report thereon to the Department, making such recommendation as appears to you advisable.

I think it well to enclose herewith copy of a letter of the 13th August from Agent Neil in which he gave detailed estimate of cost in connection with the above mentioned matter.

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Inspector of Indian Agencies,  
Victoria, B.C.

Your obedient servant,

  
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.

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