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MEMO.

Mr. Williams.

The correspondence hereunder refers to a reclamation project on the Kootenay Flats in British Columbia, which will involve Indian Reserve No. 4 in the Kootenay Agency. While no definite arrangements have yet been made with the Province in so far as the Indian lands are concerned, the present proposition is to participate in the proposed reclamation by granting title to the reclamation company to 142 acres of this reserve in return for the reclamation of the remaining 75 acres for the benefit of the Indian owners.

It is our desire, however, in so far as our participation is concerned, to protect the interests of the Indians fully, and I should like to have you advise whether the Department could issue, subject to formal approval by the Band, a conditional title, which would provide that, in the event of the reclamation project being unnecessarily delayed or at any time abandoned, the lands covered by such title would revert to the Department for the benefit of the Band. Also whether such title might contain a provision to the effect that the cost of any repairs to or replacement of dikes, etc., bordering on the 75 acre parcel which it is proposed to retain, be borne entirely by the reclamation company, and such other conditions as the Band or the Department might consider advisable.

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Director.

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