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Sir:

Re. Additional Lands Applications filed by or in
behalf of Indians of the Kwawkewlth Agency:

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information a tabulated abstract of the applications for additional reserves filed by or in behalf of Indians of your Agency, these numbering in all one hundred and ninety-five (195), and being numbered for convenience in reference in the tabulation above referred to.

You will remember that when you were examined as to these various applications and were asked for your opinion as to whether or not the lands in each case applied for were necessarily and reasonably required by the applicant Indians, you in certain instances endorsed the applications, stating the respective areas in your opinion required. In numerous other instances you declined to endorse the applications, giving as a reason that other applications previously recommended would in your opinion reasonably provide for the necessities of the applicant Indians.

I find that of the one hundred and ninety-five (195) applications filed, you have recommended, in whole or in part, numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 38, 40, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 75, 76, 85, 88, 89, 91, 93, 97, 98, 100, 104, 107, 108, 111, 112, 116, 119, 124, 125, 132, 135, 136, 139, 141, 144, 145, 150, 152, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168, 170, 175, 177, 180, 181, 183, 186, 187, 190, 191, 193 and 194.

Of these recommended applications you will note by the tabulation herewith that the lands have been reported alienated and unavailable in the majority of cases, viz. lands covered by applications numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 32, 33, 37, 38, 40, 50, 52, 58, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 71, 89, 90, 91, 97, 100, 104, 107, 108, 116, 119, 124, 125, 132, 135, 136, 152, 161, 166, 168, 181 and 186.

Inasmuch as your recommendation of a number of the applications which you did not endorse was stated by you to be withheld because you thought the requirements of the Indians would be sufficiently met by the granting of the lands applied for which you did recommend; and inasmuch as many of these are now found to be unavailable, the Commission would be glad to know if you desire to reconsider your opinion with regard to any of the applications which were not endorsed, in order that alternative lands may possibly be obtained under such applications to meet the requirements of the Indians which would otherwise not be met.