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1291 Davie St.,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
June 6th, 1939.

Mr. A. Strang,  
Indian Agent,  
Lytton, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Regarding the cemetery and the cultivated parcels of land on the two leases on the Nesikep Indian Reserve which I applied for referred to in our conversation of yesterday I have to say that the cemetery is 45 feet by 40 feet in area and is located on the lease marked "Reserve No. 1" on the plan I left with you.

The cultivated parcels are strung along near the foot of the hill and the foot of the slope leading down from the higher bench on Reserve No. 2 where the weathering of the slopes has washed down some clay thus making a soil deep enough to be somewhat fertile at these points. All the remaining part of the area between the foot of the hill and the river, which is the only part of the leases which can be considered suitable for placer mining, is a river gravel bar to the surface and not fit for cultivation. At the present time there is only a sere of thin grass here and there and small spikey cactuses growing on it.

It would seem to meet the case satisfactorily if we furnished a bond conditioned in the sum of \$1,000 to ensure that the cemetery, a reasonable area of an acre or so surrounding it with a strip wide enough to give proper and decent access to it from the trail leading down the hill will not be disturbed and that the cultivated parcels of land will not be touched or interfered with unless with the consent of the Indians and after arriving at a proper written agreement with the Department of Indian Affairs about any of them.

Kindly let me know by reply as soon as possible if this will be satisfactory and I will arrange for furnishing such a bond.

Including the bar in the river the area on the two leases that might be suitable for placer mining is about 100 acres and all these parcels of cultivated land and the cemetery and surroundings make up about 10 or 12 acres. There is therefore plenty of ground to attend to without touching any of them and the parcels of cultivated ground are at the foot of the hill which is the last part that would receive attention in any event.

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