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Mr. W. S. Arneil,
Indian Commissioner for B. C.,
Box 70,
Vancouver, B. C.

Masset, B. C.
July 14th, 1955.

Your 208/1-8 of June 24th, 1955 has just now arrived, having apparently been misdirected to Bella Coola. Following your telephone call to me on July 4th when you asked that I select up to 3 delegates from each Band, I proceeded to deal with the Chiefs of each Band. Later I was able to 'phone Prince Rupert and find from the schedule, this Agency was expected to send two Indian delegates only.

Chief William Matthews will attend from Masset. He will endeavour to make his way over by fish packer, since it appears the strike has tied up our steamer. I am giving Mr. Matthews a letter in case there may be a charge for his transportation. The Chief had written to Councillor Elijah Jones asking that he attend as well. He is packing fish into Port Edward and if he can come, there should be no transportation charges. I trust these delegates may be allowed from the Masset Band.

Mrs. Margaret Williams is the delegate from the Skidegate Band. None of the Council could attend and they experienced difficulty in securing a good delegate. I believe, however, that Mrs. Williams is a good choice. She will fly from Sandspit on warrant and we will receive account for water taxi from Skidegate.

I have asked the Skeena Agency to reserve for Mrs. Williams, Mr. Jones, Chief Matthews and myself.

W. P. Pruden,
Agency Superintendent.

Per: *R. G. Lane,*
Agency Clerk.

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