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> New Westminster, B.C., November 22, 1954.

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Re: Permit - Squawkum Creek I.R. #3

Further to our letter of November 3rd, 1954. wherein it was requested that a permit be issued in favour of Donald Felix Joe of the Chehalis Band to occupy Clarence Williams house on Squawkum Creek I.R. #3, we would advise that on November 19th the Band Council of the Scowlitz Band reversed their decision of October 23rd and have now decided that the house in question should be turned over indefinitely to Henry Peters, listed as Band No. 24 of the Scowlitz Band.

Henry Peters was married on November 20th and as he required a home, it was the Band's decision that rather than rent this house out to an outsider, it would be to the Band's interest to turn the house over to the said Henry Peters.

In the event the permit has been issued in the interim, we will hold seme here pending advice from the Department. We have already notified Donald Felix Joe that the house will not be available.

We are attaching herewith the Band resolution dated November 19th and would recommend its acceptance.

In this particular case, the house in question is situated on property which was located by Band resolution to Clarence Williams, however, as Williams has only occupied the house for a matter of a few weeks since it was built in 1950. it is considered advisable to turn it over to Henry Peters. Whether or not Clarence Williams will ever return to the reserve to take up residence is an unknown factor which

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