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James Coleman,  
Inspector, Indian Affairs,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Sir;

Re - Dalton Post and Alsek Band of Indians.

1. With reference to the above; The Alsek Band of Indians are Yukon Indians and are no concern of any British Columbia Agency, this is also the case with the Dalton Post Indians, these Indians are from the Yukon side living most of the time at Champagne Landing, Bear Creek, Silver, Kluane and District. In the Yukon there are no Registered Trap lines, the Indian wander all over the place and trap where they wish, they do not know the Boundary of Yukon and British Columbia at the points referred to. The part of B.C. adjacent to Dalton Post and the Alsek River is uninhabited by any B.C. Indians (unless recently this section has been designated to some B.C. Indians) and there is no harm of the Yukon Indians going in there to trap. Actually there are a few white men at Dalton Post and in the Alsek district who are doing a little trapping on the B.C. side and also a few Alaskan's coming in from the Coast side. The names of the particular Indians who have trapped there during the last season may be obtained from Carl Chambers, Champagne Landing, Y.T. and Eugene Jacquo, Whitehorse Y.T.

2. Billy Johnson is a B.C. Indian, however he resides at Carcross, Y.T. and most of the time he traps in the Yukon, the B.C. part of his trap line is very seldom used, no hardship would be caused if this mans B.C. trap line was cancelled, he should be transfered to the Y.T. as in every way he is an Indian married to a Yukon Indian, raising his family on the Yukon side and as near as I know, never intends to live on the B.C. side.

3. To my knowledge there are no B.C. Indians who wish to trap the Dalton or Alsek district, the nearest B.C. Indians live at Atlin, B.C. several hundred miles away, they would have to pass through the territories of Yukon Indians and that would never do.

Yours sincerely,



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