

Superintendent,  
Yukon Indian Agency.

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Head, Land Surveys and Titles Section.

February 28, 1968.

Lot 22, Group 803,  
Yukon Territories.

This is to confirm yesterday's telephone conversation with Mr. H. J. Ryan of this Section concerning your telegram enquiring about the status of Lot 22, Group 803.

According to our records, this lot was reserved for the use of the Indian Affairs Branch by letter dated January 19, 1955 from the Acting Director of the Northern Administration and Lands Branch.

To assist you in dealing with enquiries received at your Agency, I shall briefly outline the status of such lands.

Tracts of land which are being used by the Indians in the Yukon are not legally constituted Indian reserves as defined by Section 2 (O) of the Act.

These lands are held in either one of two ways.

1. Some lands are reserved by notation in the records of the Territorial Division of this Department that they are for Indian use for as long as required for that purpose.

2. The administration and control to other areas such as Teslin Post, Burwash Landing and Whitehorse were transferred to our Branch by Order in Council.

Lands under the control of our Branch for the administration of Indian Affairs in the Yukon are Public Lands of Canada within the meaning of the Public Lands Grant Act. Any leasing proposal involving these lands would have to be dealt with pursuant to Section 4(a) of this legislation.

Should you require further clarification on any aspect of Indian lands in the Yukon, please advise and I should be pleased to assist you.

H. T. Vergette.

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