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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ottawa, 7 August, 1951.

D.J. Allan, Esq.,
Acting Director,
Indian Affairs Branch,
Department of Citizenship & Immigration,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Proposed reservation for Champagne
Indians on the Klukshu River.
Your file: 166/30-5 (R.7)

Regarding the matter of the proposed reservation
requested in your letter of the 19th July, it is noted that on the
sketch plan the dimensions of the suggested reserve are not given.

The small parcel of nine tenths of one acre shown as
the site of the Roman Catholic Mission, is covered by an application
to purchase which was filed in the Whitehorse Office of this Department
in July, 1947, and occupancy is at present covered by a Permission to
Occupy. The survey of this parcel has been included in the field work
listed for the present season, and in the normal course of events, the
sale will be completed by the issue of Letters Patent when the approved
and confirmed plan of survey becomes available.

Your proposal has been submitted to the Commissioner
of the Yukon Territory, and I will advise you further when his report
is received.

Yours very truly,



C.K. LeCapelain
for C.K. LeCapelain,
Acting Director.

Ottawa, July 19, 1951.

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E. B. Sinclair, Esq.,
Director, Northern Administration and Lands Branch,
Department of Resources and Development,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

A request has been received from W.S. Arneil, Indian Commissioner for B. C. and Yukon, for the establishment of a reserve for the Champagne Band of Indians on the Klasku River at a point generally described as 60°18' North and 136°59' West.

The area in question has been used and occupied by a majority of Indians of the Champagne Band for many years as a fishing station. Since the construction of the Alaska Highway and the road from Haines to the Alaska Highway, there has been a reported influx of visitors and tourists to that area and with access to the fishing station becoming much easier, the Indians now feel that their long established fishing station will be taken from them. It is mainly for this reason that the Champagne Indians have requested that this administration obtain a reserve for their sole use.

I am attaching hereto a sketch plan prepared by Mr. J. Walcott, D.L.S., showing the area that the Indians wish to obtain. Would it be possible for your branch to reserve the area in question for the use of this branch as a provisional reserve on the understanding

that we will undertake to have the property surveyed in 1952 following which a formal application for transfer to this Department can be made. I would be pleased if you would return the attached sketch to us when it has served its purpose.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'A. A.', is written above the typed name.

Acting Director.

Handwritten initials, possibly 'M. A.', are written on the left side of the page.