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Dear Mr. Duff:

I am writing today not knowing what could be done so that the sinking and drowning knowledge of Kitwancool important songs and historical songs mabe recued and preserved.

There were thirteen big houses in Kitwancool in ancient times; strting from the North end of the Kitwancool community; the Guno house; the Goo-gag house; the Gakl house; the Wedek ha yetsq & Sidauk hous(2 in one); Gamlakyeltq & Sindel house (2 in one); Gwas lam & weeka house,(2 in one); maly house; Haizimq house;Wee litsq house; Yak yak house; Lou kaun house; Tka walq house and Yel house; everyone of these houses register and use their own ceremonial and historical songs so that no other house can use another's songs without the consent of the house concerned.

Now, these important songs are now disappeaining very fast because the ^{well} learned elders are nearly all gone?

In this village, as you know, we have very few elders ^{that} are still alive namely- Fred Good; Rufus Good; Walter Derrick; Mrs. Fred Good; Mrs. Walter Derrick; Peter Williams; Mrs Peter Williams.

As soon as these elders are passed on then all the important songs would be lost forever!

Now, the only hope I have is to use adequate amount of the first citezen funds, but we have no fund available to which the first citizen fund may be added to before it is too late.

I only wish to start hiring Fred Good; Rufus Good; Walter Derrick and all of those listed above to help each other for about one month starting ^{at} very early in January 1974, A.D. and all must be well paid @ 3.00 per hour teaching nearly everyone in Kitwancool all available important songs; the students should be given \$2.00 per hour as an incentive so that they can come to learn; as soon as they can sing the songs, without confusion, then we could record

all the important songs as well as the historical songs and histories of each songs.

The reason I had to write to you is that if I write direct to the first citizen fund authorities, they might take too long and it might be yoo late.

I know that the savaging of sunken ship usually cost many thousands of money.

Kindly act on our behalf in the matter sothat we might be able to do things in time before it is too late.

One month would cost about \$300.00 ^{including} inlcuding students ; we wish to try about one month and if its good we may take a little more time.

Yours most respectfull^y

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