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Kitwancool, Via Box 134,
Kitwanga, B.C. Feb. 1st., 1974.

Dear Professor:

Thank you for your letter of the 21st.,
ultimo in which you inform us that you were in Victoria attending the
Provincial Indian Advisory Committee, of which you are a member.
In the same letter, you informed us that you have formally presented the
documents that we sent to you about the Kitwancool land claims; we also
recieved ^{supporting} the copy of your ~~superting~~ letter covering the document which
you have presented at the above meeting.

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Upon receipt of your with enclosures, we held a meeting and I explain
the meaning of your letter refered to above to the Chiefs; They request
me to conveye their blessings to and ^{you} ~~you~~ family, they were very satisfied
the way you are taking in the course of your profession in the matter
of all the Indian land claims and also the Kitwancool land claims.

We will hold another meeting tonight and I will submit the letter, before
the chiefs, from The Honourable Mimister of Indian Affairs, Jean Chretien,
Ottawa dated Janusry 23rd. in reply to mine of the 11th. day December
1973, A.D. the copy of which I am enclosing herewith; I will also inform
the Chiefs of our today's telephone conversation.

Yours most respectfully,

Peter Williams, President of Kitwancool,

Encl.

Box 134, Kitwanga, B.C.

Peter Williams

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN

DEVELOPMENT, THE HONOURABLE J. CHRETIEN,
MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA.

Sir:

please find enclosed herewith copies of the Documents sent to the Government of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C. to which we have no reply.

During the last sixty years the Kitwancool kept on requesting the Provincial Government of B.C. and the federal Government to bring about an honourable settlement as requested in the documents enclosed herewith but to date nothing has been done; it appears therefore that both the Federal and the B.C. Governments just look upon the Kitwancool with distain.

We now respectfully point out, as mentioned in the documents herewith enclosed that the Kitwancool was never a member of the Allied Tribes of B.C. also the Kitwancool is not a member of The Nishga Tribal Council because the nature and the extend of the Kitwancool claims are not the same.

We feel sure that the Federal Government and the B.C. Government did readily understood the nature of the Kitwancool FAITH IN THE KITWANCOOL ABSOLUTE TITLE AND THE ABORIGINAL TITLE which was hande down by the Kitwancool Forefathers thousands of years before THE GREAT WORLD DELUGE and therefore we the Kitwancool humbly expect that both the Federal Government an THE GREAT WHITE CROWN to fulfilltheir responsibilities and protect,perpetuate, the Kitwancool absolute TITLE and The Aboriginal Indian Titlethat resides in the lands within the Kitwancoolterritories; in this way there could be an additional JUSTIFICATION, GLORY, POWER AND HONOUR added to that of THE GREAT WHITE THRONE THE DEFENDER OF FAITH.

We, the Kitwancool respectfully desire that the matter be dealtwith during 1973, A.D. and 1974, A.D. with a view to come to an HONOURABLE settlementduring 1974, A.D. because we have been tormented in our undesirable position during last sixty years, more or less; we the Kitwancool believe that the Government of Canada and the British Columbia Government felt the same.

Now that the B.C. Government took over the Pulb mills, Craft Mills and the whole forest industry we feel sure thatall the Governments concerned as well as the Kitwancool are in the proper position to settle the Kitwancool claims today before the fast changing times of this world cause more confusion.

We, the Kitwancool ,humbly present this agonizing matter for your immediate consideration.

And now Gentlemen, MERRY CHRITMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL !

Encl.

The Kitwancool,

Per Peter Williams, President of

December 11, 1973, A.D.

Kitwancool, Box 134, Kitwanga, B.C.

Left out above-

The Kitwancool respectfully assure the Government of Canada and The B.C. Government that the Kitwancool have great faith in the Government of Canada and the Government of B.C. or the GREAT WHITE CROWN that they have every perfect rights to deal with the Kitwancool claims and rights refered to herein because the rights emanates from the more ancient HONOUR of the Kitwancool Signitarys and therefore, it is the duty of everyone concerned not to wilfully allow any faillure of justice and good Government.

*Per P.W.
President of Kitwancool.*

extract of The Honourable

Jean Chretien letter of January 23rd, 1974.

Ottawa, Ontario. K1A 0H4

Mr Peter Williams,
President of Kitwancool,
P . O . Box 134,
Kitwanga, British Columbia.

Dear Mr. Williams,

Thank you for your letter of December 11, enclosing copies of documents
to
you have submitted the Government of British Columbia, and requesting
that the Federal Government fulfil its responsibilities and protect the
absolute title claimed by the Kitwancool to lands within their territories.

First of all, may I assure you that the Federal Government is anxious
to fulfil whatever lawful obligations it may have to the Indians people.
We are willing to negotiate the settlement of claims based on a traditional
interest in the lands, wherever such an interest can be established.
I enclose a copy of the statement I made last August about Indian claims,
in which I offered to negotiate the land claims of the Indians of British
Columbia. I said then that we want to negotiate "with authorized repres-
entatives of these native peoples on the basis that where their traditional
interest in the lands concerned can be established, an ^{agreed} agreed form of
compensation or benefit will be provide^d to native peoples in return for
their interest".

I believe that your people's claim can best be resolved as part of the
negotiation for Indian land claims in British Columbia. I would not want
overlooked
to see the interests of the Kitwancool overlkled in any such negotiation.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Chretien.

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