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Dear professor:

The following is for your information;

I am in receipt of a letter from P . F . Girad, Executive Director,  
Office of Claims Negotiation. Ottawa. Ont. Dated December 18, 1974, A.D.  
which reads-

Mr. Peter Williams  
President of Kitwancool,  
Box 134,  
Kitwanga, B.C.

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Minister has asked me to write to you further to your  
meeting with him on November 10, 1974 and your subsequent  
letter of November 13.

I understand the Minister has written to you indicating  
that I will be in Terrace, in the Terrace Hotel, on the 23rd.  
of January and has suggested we might meet there provided  
this is convenient to you and your councillors.

I expect this would be a preliminary sort of meeting in  
which we could exchange views about how best to proceed  
with negotiations to settle the Kitwancool claim and, if  
if you wish, we could discuss the matters raised in your  
brief to the Minister. For my part, I would be pleased  
to provide you with information about the Federal Government's  
role in negotiation, the funding it provides regarding  
negotiations, claims research and the role of my office.

If the time and place is not convenient to you, I would be  
pleased to have your suggestions for alternate dates later  
in the year. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

P . F . Girad,  
Executive Director,  
Office of Claims Negotiation.

Professor, Please find herewith a copy of my reply to the above letter.  
Whatever advice or suggestion you may have for us, please let us know.

Yours most respectfully,  
Peter Williams, President of Kitwancool,  
Box 134, Kitwanga, B.C.

January 11, 1975, A.D.

*Peter Williams*

Indian And Northern Affairs,  
P . F . Girad ,  
Executive Director,  
Office of Claims Negotiation,  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A OH4.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th ultimo  
for which please accept my thanks with a happy and successful  
New year for you and your staff!

Yes, Sir, The Kitwancool respectfully desire that you and the  
Minister to deal <sup>with</sup> gith the two briefs, as mentioned in your letter  
above acknowledged, so that you can give us the result of your  
discussions.

For your part, Sir, The Kitwancool will be very pleased if you  
provide the information about the Federal Government's role in  
negotiation as mentioned in your letter.

In the meantime, Sir, I respectfully remind the Federal Government  
that the Kitwancool situation <sup>is</sup> entirely different than all the  
others in B.C. and, therefore, The Kitwancool humbly desire that  
the Kitwancool claims not to be confused with the others.

Sir, we are unable to select a place for our meeting, however,  
if we are to meet in terrace, B.C. may we suggest that we meet at  
Terrace hotel at 2 P.M. on the 23rd. day of January, 1975, A.D.?  
We have ~~about~~ about one hundre and fourty mile to travel on road  
to terrace, B.C.

Smithers, B.C. is the closest which is about 80 miles from Kitwancool.

I regret for the delay to answer your letter but I was away for three  
weeks and upon my return I found your letter waiting for me.

We expect to hear from you, you may confirm the your selection of  
terrace or whatever you wish.

Yours most respectfully,

January 6, 1975, A.D.

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