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Dear Professor:

Please find herewith copies of our brief which we submit to the Honourable Minister of Indian Affairs Mt. Judd Buchanan in Kitwanoocool to day.

I will try to copy Mrs. Campbell's recording of the meeting and if its O.K. and clear, I will mail it to you.

As per your advise, we are not making any move just now; let the Nishga get along, we are implicitly agree with your advise.

Yes, Professor, about the middle of January 1975, A.D. would be O.K. for us to meet the negotiating team in Terrace, B.C.

The people of Kitwanoocool are very much gratified for all the work that you have done in Attawa; we shall look forward for further news or advise.

Encl;  
Nov. 11, 1974, A.D.

Yours most respectfully  
Peter Williams, President of Kitwanoocool,  
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*Peter Williams*

BRIEF

*The Voice of the Aborigines*  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN  
DEVELOPMENT  
THE HONOURABLE, JUDD DOCHANAN MINISTER OF  
INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA.

Sir:

We, the Kitwancool hereby respectfully introduce the names of the Kitwancool Territory RULERS; the owners of the Kitwancool Territories; the protectors and defenders of the Kitwancool Territories whose absolute Titles and the Aboriginal are still retained in GOOD FAITH AND JUSTICE.

These rulers are seated on their own respective seats and from each seat, justice and righteousness floweth which we find, in this modern times, not repugnant against GOD'S LAWS.

These rulers were seated on their seats during the Pre-historic times and before THE GREAT WORLD DELUGE and thereafter; these seats are similar to that of the GREAT WHITE THRONES!

And now the names of the seats

1. The seat or throne of GWAS-LAM & WEEKA ( SUPREME SEAT OF THE WOLF CLAN)
2. The seat or throne of GANLAK YELTQU and SIN DIL( Supreme seat of the Raven or frog clan)
3. The seat of GUNO (Raven or frog clan)
4. The seat of Goo gag (Raven or frog clan)
5. The seat of Gak'l (Raven or frog clan)
6. The seat or throne of Wedek ha yetsq & seduk (Raven or frog clan)
7. The seat of throne of Haly (Wolf clan)
8. The seat or throne of Haisinsqu (Wolf clan)
9. The seat of throne of Wee litsqu (Wolf clan)
10. The seat or throne of Yak Yak (Frog clan)
11. Lou Ksun seat or throne (Raven or frog clan)
12. The seat or throne of Tka Walkq (Wolf clan)
13. the seat of Yel ( Fire weeds )

We, the Kitwancool and all of these occupants of the authoritative seats or thrones herein mentioned did diligently compare the Kitwancool justice mentioned herein with that of the modern ~~King of the British Empire~~ find justice, and fortunately, we find that the Kitwancool justice and the Canadian Justice appear to concur.

Justice are the constant and perpetual disposition to render every man his due.

Justice, is the greatest interest of man on earth. It is the ligament which holds civilized nations together.

Wherever her temple stands, and as long as it is duly honored, there is a foundation for social security, general happiness, and the improvement and the progress of our race. And whoever labor on this edifice with usefulness and distinction, whoever cleave its foundation strengthen its pillars, adorn its edifices or contribute to raise its august dome still higher in the skies, connects himself in name, and fame, and character, with that which is, and must be, as durable as the frame of human society; justice is the fountain of righteousness!

Commulative justice is that virtue whose object it is to render to every one what belongs to him, as nearly as may be, or that which governs contracts. To render commulative justice, those that are in authority must make an equality between the parties, that no one may be gainer by another's loss.

That is why the Kitymnool stands firmly and retain its absolute title in the Kitymnool territory and at the same time the Kitymnool fully respects the Government of British Columbia knowing that the Provincial Government of British Columbia have full knowledge of justice herein mentioned.

In view of all the foregoing, the Kitymnool respectfully desire that the Provincial Government of British Columbia take every well considered steps and negotiate with the B.C. Indians for an honorable settlement of all the Indian land claims in B.C. for the benefit of every one.

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And now, Sir, we respectfully point out <sup>that</sup> this reserve was surveyed in 1927, A.D. without the <sup>consent</sup> of all the Kitymnool rulers mentioned herein; it was established by force and duress after the Canadian Government threw the Kitymnool's second president, the late Albert Williams and all of his colleagues into Okalla Prison; that is why we, the Kitymnool, call this reserve "The Okalla Prison Reserve". Today, we are still in "The Okalla Prison reserve" the Kitymnool never accept this reserve, therefore, the Kitymnool retain its absolute title as well as the aboriginal that are still residing in the Kitymnool territory; this includes all the natural resources whatsoever that are within the Kitymnool territory.

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When the Kitymnool President, The late Albert Williams and his colleagues were thrown into Okalla Prison, as above mentioned, the occupants of the Kitymnool High seats, as above mentioned were suffering a very great embarrassment and anguish! but the president advised them to calm down and wait, Justice and righteousness never die, he said.

We, the Kitwanoos, did notify the British Columbia Government forest branch that the Kitwanoos have vested and fixed interest in every Timber that are removed from within the Kitwanoos territory, this item will be brought up in due time.

*Timber*

Damages on Kitwanoos trap lines will also be brought up in due time. In the meantime, in order to keep such account down as low as may be reasonably necessary, we respectfully desire that no more timberlands be issued to anyone, not being the Kitwanoos, by the B.C. Forest Branch until after negotiation is completed.

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The chief reason for the Kitwanoos pressing the B.C. Government to negotiate with the Kitwanoos is 1. that the B.C. Government <sup>is</sup> doing business within the Kitwanoos territory not withstanding the Kitwanoos objection 2. that the B.C. government was a party of the Nelsonia -Hidride Agreement; In that agreement, The Honourable J.A.J. NEKEMIA represents the Dominion Government while THE HONOURABLE SIR RICHARD HENRIE, AS PRIME MINISTER OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA represent the Government of British Columbia; that agreement was dealing with the Indian problems and reserves. We, the Kitwanoos, wish to hasten all the proposed northern development, therefore, we desire yo bring about <sup>to</sup> the necessary settlement of Kitwanoos land claim in 1974 Or early in 1975, A.D. (Especially railroad and Highways). And now, Sir we respectfully submit this brief.

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Dated at Kitwanoos, B.C. November 11, 1974, A.D.

The Kitwanoos,  
Per Peter Williams, President of Kitwanoos,

*Peter Williams*

Chief Councillor

*Edgar Beal*

BRIEF

*Citizen's Voice*  
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THE HONOURABLE, JUDD BUCHANAN MINISTER  
OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, OTTAWA.

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Sir:

If the Indians of B.C. are citizens of Canada, the Indians, therefore, are SOVEREIGN PEOPLE; they are constituent members of the SOVEREIGNTY, synonymous with the people; they are members of the civil state entitled to all its privilliges.

If Canada is the democratic country running the democratic Government, then surely there is democracy in CANADA and in democracy there are two greatest rights, one is the passive right, and the other great right are the ACTIVE RIGHT; and by virtue of that ACTIVE RIGHT in the Canadian democracy, the Indians, the citizens of Canada have the right to participate in the process of LAW making, therefore, a member of Indians should be in the legislative assembly in OTTAWA, a member of Indians should also be in the house of COMMONS AND SENATE; then there would be a powerful GOOD GOVERNMENT TO KEEP ORDER AND PEACE.

We, the Kitwanoosul hereby submit this brief for the Federal Government's consideration.

The Kitwanoosul,

Per Peter Williams, President of Kitwanoosul,

*Peter Williams*

Dated at Kitwanoosul November 11, 1974, A.D.

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