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Mr. R. Crowe-Swords,
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Dear Sir:-

In connection with operating, or even developing, the copper-iron mineral claims on Tassoo Harbour, Moresby Island, B. C., I consider it essential that a more dependable means of access be arranged than is available under present conditions.

At present access to the Tassoo region is by water through Skidegate Inlet and across forty miles of open Pacific Ocean water which is often too rough for even the larger fishing boats to negotiate safely for days at a time during the summer season and for weeks at a time during the winter. Larger ships, I understand, forfeit their insurance if they enter Tassoo, and in any case would not be available on short notice. As an alternative there is a small plane at Queen Charlotte City for charter but it can not always be depended on since they will not fly in foggy weather or when the clouds are low. Also, without radio phone equipment at the property they cannot be called in case of emergency.

In view of the above I would recommend that a jeep road be built from Pacofi, at the head of Selwyn Inlet on the east coast of the island, to Botany Bay on Tassoo Harbour an air-line distance of $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. A logging road has already been built for approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Pacofi which could easily be extended to Botany Bay over comparatively level terrain, with the highest point reported to be at about 300 feet elevation. Thence a small boat or scow could serve a camp on the mineral claims in all weathers.

From Pacofi a moderate sized launch should be able to go to Queen Charlotte City, where mail, telegraph, store and hospital facilities are available, in almost any kind of weather.

It is my opinion that the Jones Group of mineral claims on Tassoo Harbour show sufficient merit to well justify further extensive development and that new means of access, as outlined above, should be arranged. I consider

this important both for getting in supplies and for use in case of emergencies such as accident or sickness and I believe it would probably be required by the Workmen's Compensation Board before a sizable crew could be employed on the property.

Yours sincerely,

Chas. C. Starr