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Mr. John Leslie
Chairman, Squaxin Tribal Council
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Shelton, Washington

Dear Mr. Leslie:

Enclosed is a copy of the Trial Docket for cases to be heard in June. As you see the Squaxin case will come on for hearing June 17th. We will want the Chairman and the Secretary to make formal proof as to the existence of the tribe in 1855, its continuous existence to date and its present existence as an organized tribe. We also will want the best available enrollment in evidence but we want it in your hands so you can testify to the Commission that you are testifying from the present enrollment.

We will want the Chairman to testify on the best information and belief he has as to the ancient boundaries of his tribe. To do this we will have to go over existing documents and counsel with the Chairman and Secretary prior to the hearing.

We want both the Secretary and Chairman to contact us by telephone to discuss plans orally within several days after receipt of this letter so that we will be assured that the letter has been received and that there will be no confusion on time and place of hearing.

On June 9th we are going to try and have the Commission change the trial docket so that the Suquamish case will follow the Duwamish case and the Samish case will follow the Lummi case. The reason for this is that

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Mr. Snyder, Anthropologist, will testify on the Duwamish and Suquamish cases and Mr. Suttles, Anthropologist, will testify on the Laami and Samish cases. We will inform you immediately as to any changes in the enclosed Trial Docket. If you receive no information of a change, please follow the Trial Docket.

Very truly yours,

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