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Subject: **Privileged and Confidential/Re. Priestly camp**

Enclosed please find the ownership **pattern** that I **have been able** to determine to date, for the old Priestly lake **firewarden** camp.

12/1/62 A **1/4** acre lease is given to **the MFS** by I.P. for a camp **lot** on the west shore of Priestly Lake in T^TOR13. MFS lease # **Me-2426-SL**. Annual **cost** is **\$50.00**

4/13/82 Letter from **DOC** forester **T Rumpf** to **W. Harper** in regards to **an inquirers by Harper as** to the status of the Priestly Lake watchman's **camp**. **Rumpf** advises **Harper** that " he expects to put the camp **out** to public bid. If we (**DOC**) decide to do **so** we will see that you are given the opportunity to brd on the camp

10/1/88 A tease agreement for the watchman's camp is signed to extend the **lease** three **years** to **9/30/91**. Yearly cost is \$50.00

9/20/94 MFS **Director Sue** responds to an inquiry from **IP** in which **IP indicates** they **have** an interest in the Priestly **lake** forestry buildings. **Director Sue Bell** gives notice to **Manley of IP** that they feel the buildings are a liability and the Department **is** terminating the **lease**. She also advises **IP** that the office State Surplus Property have authorized the Department to transfer the building **to IP** at **no cost**.

1 1/18/99 I picked up a list of **property tax assignments** from State Taxation, Their records show **that as of 4/1/99** the Priestly **watch** camp **still belonged** to the **state** of Maine, **Forestry Department**. (Any changes in ownership are to be reported each year, by April **1st**, to taxation). I am **finding it difficult to** trace the ownership of the buildings because **taxation** does not have a **book** or page number for **this** property, Without that the **Piscataquis** county registry of deeds **cannot** look up the conveyance. The buildings are value at \$3840 and since they are listed as belonging to the MFS, are tax exempt.

1 1/99 According to **a** verbal conversation with LURC:

- * mis **fall a** Frank **Weisner** of **Presque** Isle rented the Priestly lake camp from Moose Point Camps. Moose Point Camps are owned by **Martin**.
- * A LURC permit has not been **filed** to **convert** the **Priestly** camp from **residential** to commercial use.

11/22/99 NMW Ex **Director Al Cowperthwaite** advises that **IP** has given a **commercial** use permit for the Priestly camp to **J. Martin**

In November of 1994 Angus King was elected **Governor**. In January of **1995**, forestry **Director Sue Bell** want to work in the **Governors office** and **Lovaglio** left **IP** to **accept** an appointment of Commission of **Conservation**.

The questions **left to be asked** are:

If the **building** today is valued at \$3840 **why** did **Bell** in 1994 give them to **IP** without going to public bid? Did **Harper** **ever receive** notice that **forestry** were **going to** dispose of the building, and **was he** given the opportunity to bid? *No*

When did **Martin** acquire the buildings?

What are the **specific requirements** in the LURC **permits**?

What are the specifics oondiiions in the **commercial** lease from **IP**?

I'll keep looking to see whet else I can find **out**.

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