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Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Pursuant to your November 3, 1982, phone conversation with Russ Blome of my staff, the enclosed information about Cripple Landing on the Innoko River is forwarded for your use. We hope it will be of benefit to you.

Included is a simple sketch diagram of the Cripple Landing area as it appears presently, and several photos of the buildings as they currently exist. The following is a brief narrative to explain the photos:

Photos #1 & 2: This building is presently being used by Ed Gurtler in his guiding business and is known as the "Innoko River Lodge." At one time before that it was the store at Cripple Landing and was owned by John Vachter (spelling may be incorrect), who passed away quite some time ago and apparently neither sold nor left it to anyone. The building is in very good shape and Gurtler has kept it up. In the spring of 1982, high water from the Innoko got inside and did some minor damage.

Photo #3: This is an old storage shed that Gurtler is using in his current operation that is believed to have been used in conjunction with the store.

Photo #4: This building is the old roadhouse. It was owned by Bob Arnold and John Olson. Bob Arnold is buried nearby. Apparently, John Olson is also deceased. The building is in disrepair and dangerous because the floor is falling in but the building could be kept from further deterioration if the roof could be tarpapered.

Photo #5: Old roadhouse is on the left and the old root house is on the right. The grassy area in foreground was once a garden area.

Photo #6: The old root house is on the left and the old shop on the right. All tools, etc., have apparently been removed from the area. Note the purple martin house on the pole.

Photo #7: This is a building currently used by Gurtler in his guide operation. It was once the home of Don and Cathy Peters' grandmother. It is still in relatively decent shape because of its use.

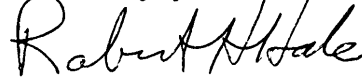
Photo #8: This is a small shed near the cabin in photo #7.

Photo #9: This cabin's roof has fallen in but the walls still seem to be sound and in good shape. Ed Gurtler in photo.

Photos #10 & 11: Aerial photos showing relative positions of buildings.

If you have any questions concerning the photos or sketch diagram, contact Russ Blome at 267-1319.

Sincerely yours,



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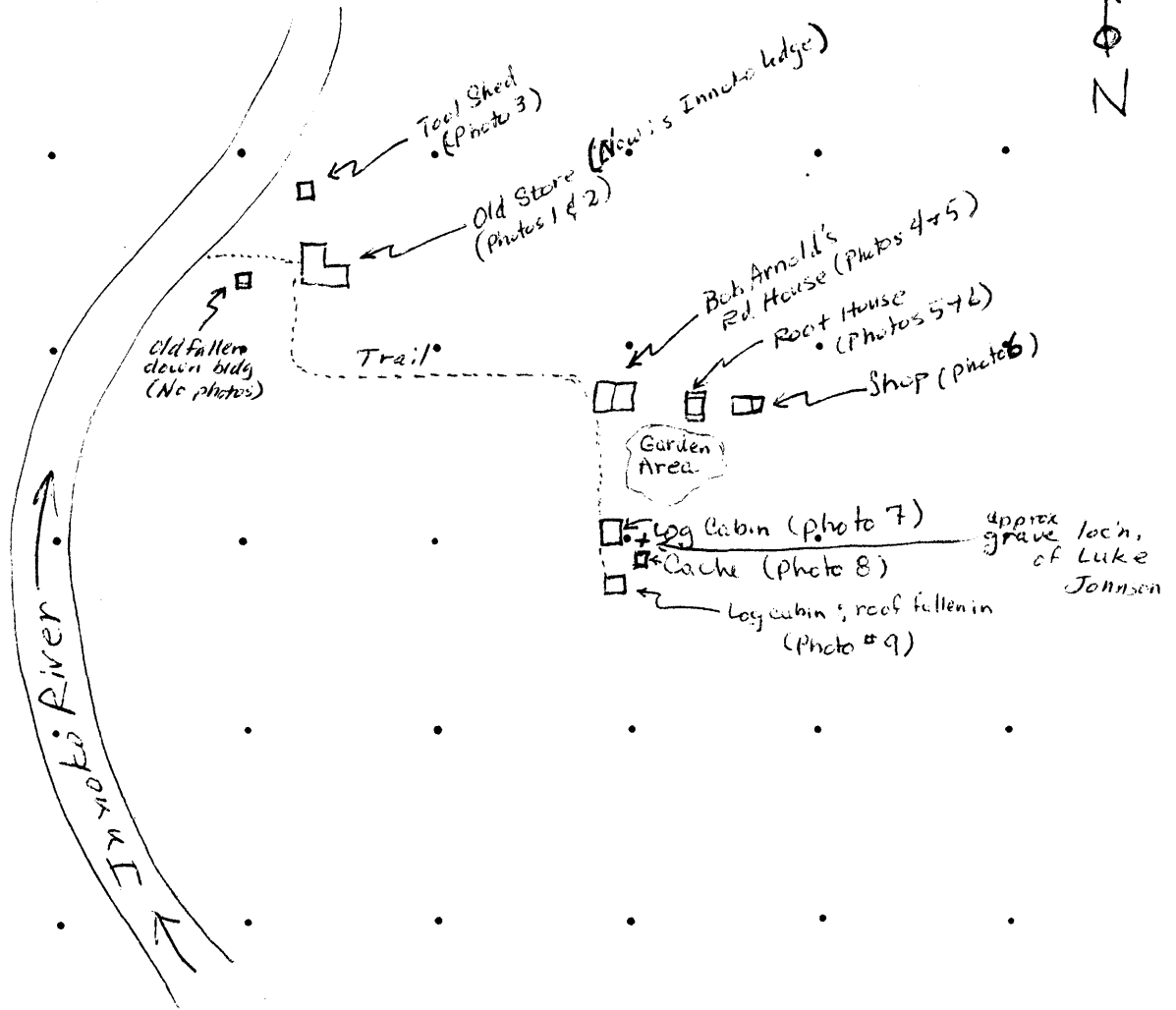
Enclosure:
Sketch Diagram
Photos

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Cripple Landing
 Serial Number
N/A

MAP

Township 21 S, Range 13 E, Kateel River Meridian
 Approx N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec 9



LAND OWNERSHIP KEY AND ADDITIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC SYMBOLS

Scale: 1" = *no scale*

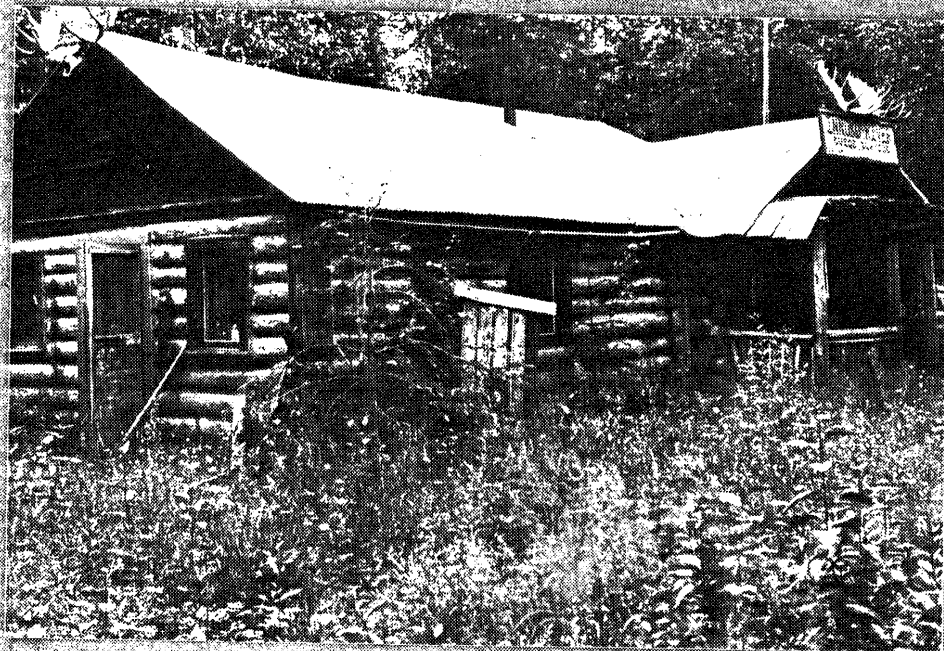
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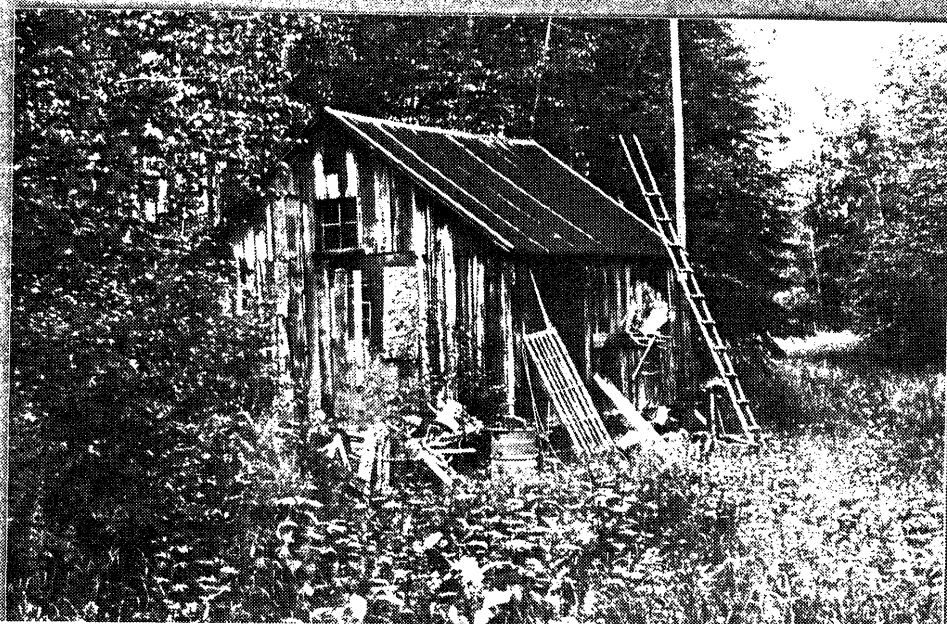
Cripple Landing
Photos July 20, 1982



1. Old store (now
Innoko Lodge) used
fall for guiding operation.
Person in photo is
Ed Gurtler.



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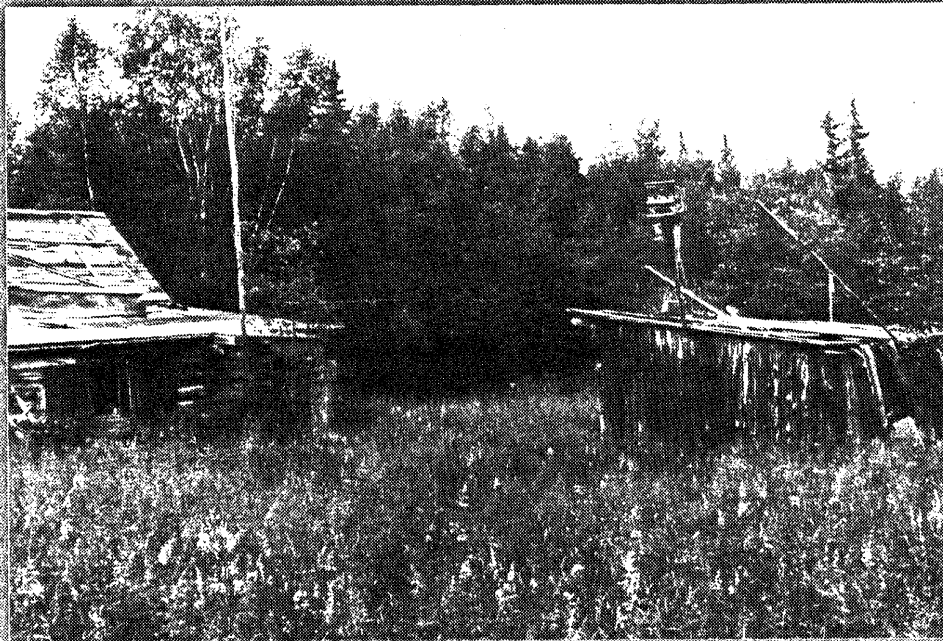


3. Old tool shed used
by Gurtler.

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4. Bob Arnold's Road House
Arnold is buried nearby
but exact loc'n is not
known. Floor is falling
in — a new roof would
save from further
deteriorization.



5. Road house, left, and
root house on right.
Note martin "bird house"



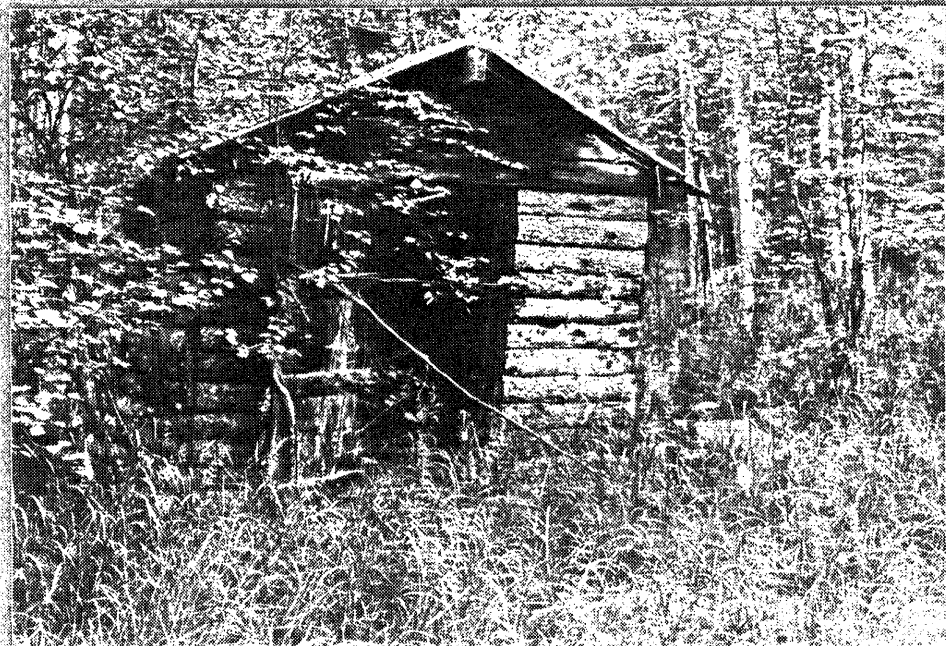
6. Root house, left, +
old shop on right.

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7. Log cabin. Currently used by
Gartler in fall for guiding
business. In decent shape.

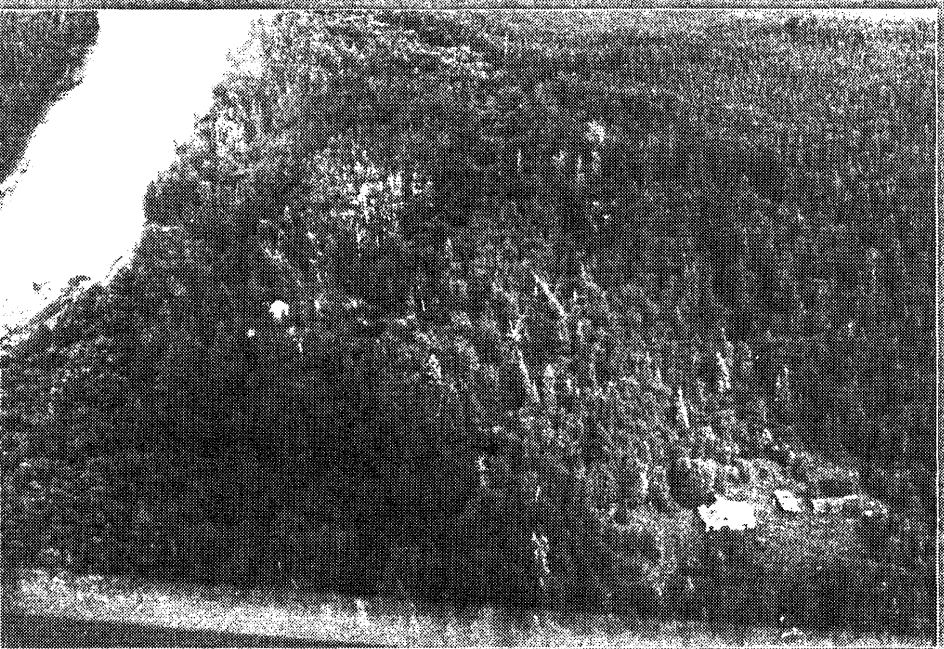
Luke Johnson is buried
nearby, but exact loc'n not
known



8. Storage shed nearby



9. log cabin - roof has fallen in but walls appear very sound.
Person in photo is Ed Gurtler



10. Aerial view
a. Lodge in left center
b. Road house, roothouse
tool shed in lower right

Log cabin in photo # 7



11. Aerial view