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The Honourable Jean Chretien, Minister of Indian Affairs & Northern Development, OTTAWA, Canada.

Cir:

Re: Final Draft of Regulations Respecting Land Use Operations in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

I have read with interest the Pinal Draft of these regulations and believe that the regulations under Part I are generally vise and substantially would govern the actions of any prudent prospector or exploration geologist concerned about the preservation of the environment.

Equally I believe the regulations under Part II will effectively complete what Bill C-197 has commenced, namely the termination of exploration for minerals in the Yukon.

I have prospected at intervals of up to 5 continuous years in the Yukon and Northwest Territories over the past 20 years and have yet to see any real evidence of serious or permanent damage to the land surface resulting from prospecting, except when a mine has been developed and later abandoned.

Since the regulations do not identify the land management sone, it is difficult not to assume that all of both territories are so encompassed.

The term "harass wild life" could have various interpretations but if enforced it would eliminate the use of all powered equipment for prospecting, including aircraft and bulldozers, until the day the "silent engine" is invented.

Section 6 of Part I is eminently impractical. Nature does and will continue to make larger excavations which all the taxes secured from tentimes the present production of minerals in the Yukon could not pay the cost of restoring to its original condition.

The permit regulations are such that it will make it effectively impossible to conduct a program of exploration, plan a budget for same, and complete it within that part of the year that most of the Yukon is free of snow cover.

The phrase "permit land" is not at all clearly defined and is assumed to be the acreage of the mineral claim group on which exploration is planned. I recently completed a preliminary program of exploration on 160 mineral claims averaging 40 acres per claim. Had the work been done in the Territories under the proposed regulation, a deposit of \$100,000 would have been required. I can just visualise a budget committee of a mining company