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Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliott Trudeau,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I was delighted to hear of your recent announced intention to convene a federal/provincial conference in January to discuss the development of a Canadian energy policy.

I would be grateful if you would confirm that, as in the past, representation at such a conference will be invited and welcomed by the federal government. In view of the recent recommendations coming out of the Canadian Council of Resource Ministers-sponsored conference held last week in Toronto to accelerate the movement to self-government in Canada's northern territories, you would consider inviting an elected representative from each territorial jurisdiction.

Yours respectfully,

Tom Butters,
Chairman, Standing Committee
on Development and Ecology.



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December 21, 1973

Dear Mr. Butters:

Thank you for your letter of November 28 in which you expressed an interest in having a representative from the Council of the Northwest Territories attend the Federal-Provincial Conference on Energy to be held next month.

I have also noted with interest the various proposals which were put forward at the recent Man and Resources Conference in Toronto. These guidelines will be a helpful reference in the development of new policies for the North.

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Mr. Tom Butters,
Chairman, Standing Committee
on Development and Ecology,
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Box 1069,
Inuvik, Northwest Territories.

As you know, the January Federal-Provincial Conference is for First Ministers and details surrounding the arrangements, including attendance and whether or not the Conference will be open or closed are just now being worked out with the provincial governments. I wish to assure you, however, that the interests of the people of northern Canada in energy matters will be considered, and, as is the practice, both territorial Commissioners will be kept in the picture by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. L. Indian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B" and "L".