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Northwest
Territories Minister of Public Works and Highways

BY HAND

March 12, 1986

Mr. Alex Morrison,
Yellowknife T.V. Sales and Services Ltd.,
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Dear Mr. Morrison,

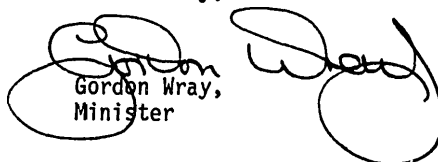
It has just been brought to my attention that a member of my staff in the Department of Public Works and Highways visited the registered offices of Yellowknife T.V. Sales and Services Ltd. on March 11, 1986. Apparently the purpose of the visit was to confirm the shareholders of your company. I apologize for this action taken by my staff and wish to assure you that such action was not at my request and certainly is not consistent with Departmental policy. As soon as I became aware of this action, I confirmed to my officials that such activities are not consistent with my previous direction and any repeat of such action will result in severe action being taken on my part.

As you are aware the climate concerning Public Works and Highways contracting and the confirmation of proposal information has received much public debate over the last few weeks. I suspect this publicity led my staff to take this misguided action.

The Department prides itself in its professionalism related to contracting. I trust you will see this incident as an isolated one which does not reflect on the otherwise good record of the Department.

I sincerely apologize again for any embarrassment this incident may have caused you. In order that it is clear this visit to the registered offices of your company was not in any way related to your reputation, I am taking the liberty of tabling this letter in the Legislative Assembly so that my apology may be part of the public record.

Yours truly,


Gordon Wray,
Minister

THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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March 12, 1986

Mr. M. Sims
Contract Planning and Administration
Department of Public Works
Government of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Mr. Sims:

I have been advised that on March 11, 1986 you attended before the registered offices of Yellowknife T.V. Sales and Services Ltd., the company owned by our President Mr. Alex Morrison, in order to determine the shareholders of that company and the extent of Mr. Morrison's holdings.

While I have serious questions about the justification for such an enquiry by the government, I do wish to indicate that the Chamber would be more than happy to cooperate in providing you with whatever information available respecting the holdings of our officers and directors.

I certainly hope the enquiry was necessary to substantiate a business transaction or other bona fide business arrangement with the government. If not, I can only conclude that it was otherwise motivated, hardly justifying the time of a government employee to undertake the enquiry.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Coral Callioux
General Manager

cc: Members of the
Legislative Assembly

Mr. John Parker
Commissioner