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## PRIME MINISTER . PREMIER MINISTRE

Ottawa, KlA 0A2 September 9, 1986

Dear Messrs. Erkloo, Pudluk and Paniloo,

This will refer to your telex of July 18th concerning the Exploration Agreement which was issued to Consolidex Magnorth Oakwood by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

As you may be aware, Consolidex Magnorth Oakwood has held exploration permits in the Lancaster Sound area since 1968 and, under the Canada Oil and Gas Act, is entitled to convert these permits to an Exploration Agreement. The signing of the Exploration Agreement, however, does not mean that a decision has been taken to allow oil and gas exploration to proceed. Moreover, the Agreement does not contain a work program; rather, it provides only that the Minister may request, as and when he feels it appropriate, that Consolidex Magnorth Oakwood begin negotiations to establish a work program.

I appreciate the concerns you have raised regarding the potential impact of exploration on native land claims. I can assure you, however, that oil and gas exploration in the area would take into account the views of the newly appointed Lancaster Sound Regional

Messrs. Elijah Erkloo, Ludy Pudluk and Pauloosie Paniloo Members of the Legislative Assembly in N.W.T. Yellowknife, North West Territories XlA 2L9 Land Use Planning Commission, and would proceed only after consulting with the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Tungavik Federation of Nunavut, as well as local and regional representatives.

I thank you for taking the time to share your views with me.

Yours sincerely,

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