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Leaders Meeting on Education and Training for Nunavut

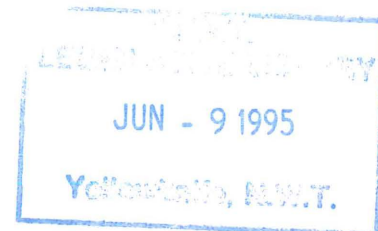
Following your recent question in the Legislative Assembly regarding the organization of a further Nunavut Leaders meeting to discuss education, training and development, I have given some consideration to the matter. As a result of these considerations I would propose that we alter our plans and schedule the next meeting on the subject for late November of this year.

As we know, the meetings held in Gjoa Haven in January were very useful in building consensus as to the goals and strategies for establishment of a comprehensive approach to human resource development for Nunavut. The broad direction provided by the group will, I believe, help to focus all of our efforts.

As you are aware, we are in the midst of detailed development of materials and information to support plans for the creation of Nunavut. For example, the Nunavut Implementation Commission Report "*Footprints in the Snow*" has been completed, but will not be released for public discussion until later this spring. The Government of the Northwest Territories is currently preparing draft implementation plans as well as comprehensive data for human resource planning purposes. These efforts will be substantially complete this fall. In addition to these broad efforts, administrative personnel involved in planning and program delivery activities meet on a periodic basis to strengthen coordination and planning efforts.

Recognizing that these efforts are important to continuing the focus on education, training and human resource development, as well as noting that election activities will occur throughout August and September, it would seem appropriate that we schedule the next meeting of leaders for late November. In the interim, however, it is important that there continue to be regular attention to the matters as they develop. I would propose that a report be given to the next Nunavut Leaders conference, scheduled for June 10-11, 1995. As well, as events unfold, periodic updates on particular activities can be circulated to Nunavut Leaders from this office.

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Education, training and development is a key issue in the division process. The strong commitment of the Nunavut Leaders to this theme has established an important foundation for continuing work in this area. We do now need to demonstrate effective action and plans for action. Over the next few months a great deal of the information and general planning should be drafted and we should be well positioned to review these materials following the territorial elections in the fall.

I would appreciate your comments, as well as other members of the Nunavut Caucus, on this approach.

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