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Re: Old Age Pensioners.

I am once again reminding you that I have a deep concern for the Elders that receive Old Age Pensions in Gjoa Haven.

Back in December, 1994, the Elders in Gjoa Haven have never receive their Old Age Pension for the whole month and I find that very unacceptable especially concerning the Elders.

Starting the third week of December, 1994, day after day for two weeks except Sundays right up to January, 1995 the coldest month of the year, the Elders walked to pick up their Pension only to come home with nothing.

Elders enjoy the Christmas Spirit every December and with their only income not coming into Gjoa Haven, they could not buy anything for their grandchildren, very sad indeed.

Is it the Federal Government's Fault? well I called the Head Office and was told that they were processed one week earlier than usual because of the Christmas Season. Is it due to the weather? We had First Air and Ptarmigan Air coming in to Gjoa Haven without any difficulty. Post Corporation? We had junk mail coming in every other day.

This serious problem resulted in Emergency Assistance provided by the Department of Social Services for the Elders in January, 1995.

I know that it happened and it will happen again unless the Territorial Government do something to improve the mail cargo service in the Northwest Territories.

I raised this issue in the Hamlet Council Meeting early this year with you and I did not hear from you again regarding this problem.

I would appreciate it if you can respond to this letter.

Yours truly,

Anthony Anguttitauruq

c.c. John Todd - Minister of Transportation/ GNWT

C.C. MAYOR - HAMLET COUNCIL OF GJOA HAVEN