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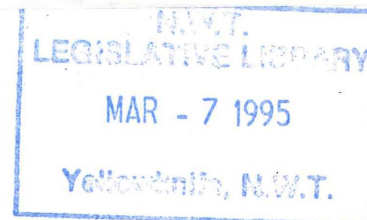
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TO: Ms. Jeannie Marie Jewell, M.L.A.
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FROM: Concerned Citizens

RE: Hanging Ice Buffalo Ranch.
Proposal to Relocate Ranch to Fox Hole Prairie.



DATE: February 24, 1995

As you are aware this proposal has repeatedly been made to the Government of the Northwest Territories through Mr. Jim Bourque Deputy Minister of Renewable Resources and also to Mr. Joe Handley, Deputy Minister of Renewable Resources.

Since the proposal was not taken seriously and acted upon, hundreds of thousands of public tax dollars have gone to maintain the ranch in its present location. This is longer acceptable, and the time to relocate the ranch is now. Some major reasons for relocation are:

- 1) Lack of consultation and community involvement under present setup.
- 2) Ownership must rest with the Salt River First Nations as owners of the land and wildlife under Treaty #8.
- 3) Cost of maintaining and servicing the animals is too great under present arrangements ie. feed for animals, civil servants as managers.
- 4) Animals have been repeatedly flooded during spring and early summer.
- 5) Government must get out of our lives and turn ownership over to the Salt River First Nations. Government is not in the business of wildlife ranching. Costs are too high, working against Self Government initiatives.
- 6) Elders and community people have repeatedly called for the transfer of jurisdiction to the Salt River First Nation. The Buffalo is considered a sacred animal and was not put here for ranching and to be bartered for or sold. This is a long standing issue with our aboriginal people.

Signed:

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