

I am writing to the voice of the Arviat people
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I have many things to say, after talking with some people about the traditional ways of the people of Arviat and our elders.

We lost all the material pertaining to languages, legends, and recorded materials, photographs and written materials when I.C.I. moved their operations to Rankin Inlet in April of 1991.

The Director of ICI stated that the materials belong to ICI, but we didn't realize at the time that when ICI relocated to Rankin Inlet, they were going to take all the materials pertaining to the culture and traditions of Arviat.

If ICI wants to retain the materials pertaining to Arviat through law, than the people of Arviat no longer want to have anything to do with ICI's operations.

We do not wish to be involved with ICI, but instead to set up to pursue our own work in perserving and promoting our culture and traditions. We wish to have ICI return the materials pertaining to Arviat so we can work and perseve our own culture and traditions.

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Representing the Elders in keeping their culture and traditions in Arviat