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Fred Koe. MLA Caucus Chairman Legislative Assembly of NWT Box 1320 Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2L9

Dear Mr. Koe:

Re: 'CBC Report March 31, 1993

The Yellowknife Inn wishes to formally apologise to the Members of the Legislative Assembly for the unfortunate lack of discretion shown by certain of my staff in succumbing to the investigative tactics of CBC reporter, Susan Morphet. The information was of a personal nature and should not have been available to CBC.

In my opinion the information is not newsworthy and does not fall within the realm of professional investigative reporting. I believe the conduct of the reporter in question should be investigated by CBC and CRTC with a view to disciplinary action.

The Yellowknife Inn and the Legislative Assembly has had a nine year relationship during which confidentiality has been viewed as paramount. The hotel has taken precautions to assure that there will be no reoccurrence of this unfortunate lapse on the part of it's staff in the future.

Without in any way excusing the culpability of my staff in this instance, I consider that it is a very sad commentary on the state of CBC's northern journalism when a reporter of Ms. Morphet's capability becomes more concerned with MLAs' personal credit ratings than with the many urgent and weighty issues of government. This tabloid approach to journalism has very little place in Canada and certainly none in the North where constituents know their elected representatives personally.

Yours sincerely,

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