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POND INLET, N.W.T.  
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Elijah Erkloo  
MLA, Ammiturmiut  
Legislative Assembly  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

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Dear Elijah:

The Pond Inlet Hamlet Council are requesting an extension to our present airstrip in Pond Inlet to provide jet service in Pond Inlet. As you may know that living here, the cost of fresh goods is very high, some of our shipments due to arrive in Pond Inlet get left behind for another day or sometimes days during the busy times because there is not enough load space with the present service. There are other important reasons as it is stated in the motion ;

Whereas community of Pond Inlet is requesting jet service to the community for the main following reasons; loads to Pond Inlet are left behind as well passengers to Pond Inlet are also left behind and mail service is too slow, and as well merchandise is too expensive using small aircraft, and because extending our airstrip 2000 feet would be enough, therefore moved by Cr. Pitseolak, seconded by Cr. Ootoova that the Pond Inlet airstrip be extended 2000 feet to provide jet service and that we request this from the Legislative Assembly.

With this letter and copy of the motion we urge you to bring up this request at the Assembly and support our request.

Sincerely yours,

*ORIGINAL  
SIGNED  
BY*  
Elijah Nashook  
Mayor

April 16th, 1987  
Executive G.L.O.  
Pond Inlet, N.W.T.  
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Hamlet of Pond Inlet  
Pond Inlet, N.W.T.

To Hamlet Council,

This is a letter of support for Hamlet Council to request assistance to acquire an airstrip to allow jet service into Pond Inlet.

Some suggested factors to consider are as follows:

Jet Service - Advantages

- 1) Decreased cost of airfreight
- 2) Decreased cost of air passenger service
- 3) Improved delivery and air services
- 4) Improved tourism development potential and associated job opportunities
- 5) Provide for an alternative Military Defense landing strip and International flights.

Disadvantages of an airstrip extension

- 1) High noise levels associated with jets would be disturbing to people throughout most of the community but particularly to people living in the Qairsuaryuit area during aircraft approach and take off.
- 2) Birds concentrated near Qairsuaryuit could present a safety problem. Raven sucked into a jet could cause engine breakdown and a possible accident. Bird control maybe required, especially for ravens and seagulls.

- 3) Sea mammals close to Pond Inlet maybe disturbed and move away, particularly marwhal and seals.

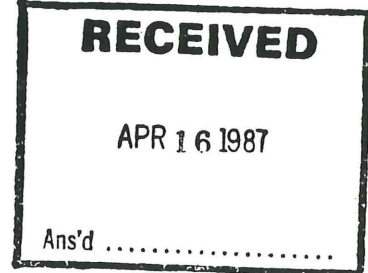
Recommendation:

- 1) Relocate the airstrip further away from the townsite to minimize the disadvantages presented, eg. Salmon River area or Water Lake area.
- OR ...
- 2) Change the direction of the current airstrip if only an extension can be obtained.
  - 3) Call a community meeting for a concensus opinion on this matter.

*Acting as a C.L.O.*  
*W. Ganger*  
Government staff  
Pond Inlet, N.W.T.

L.G.Bast,  
N.C.P.C.,  
Plant Superintendent,  
Pond Inlet,  
N. W. I.,  
XOA-OSO.

Rhoda Katsak,  
Secretary Manager,  
Hamlet of Pond Inlet,  
N. W. I.,  
XOA-OSO.



Dear Rhoda:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 13th where you ask after my support of the council's wishes to have the airstrip extended, that jet service might be provided to the community.

You have my support in this matter as increased servicing to the community can only bring benefits of cargo and passenger transportation. Postal service as well as air cargo service are both important to the integral operation of the utility in this and any community, especially in a somewhat isolated location. Improved facilities for transportation takes on special importance in such instances. Therefore you have my support in this matter.

If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me .

Thanx

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'B' followed by the name 'L.G. Bast' written in a cursive script.

L.G. Bast

April 14, 1987

To The Mayor of Reed Bluff  
Reed Bluff, N.J.T.

**RECEIVED**  
  
APR 15 1987  
  
Ans'd .....

Please be advised that I support the motion to have the  
Post Office expanded for jet service. It is time  
that air service be expanded in this community.

*Philip  
L. Smith*

April 4, 1957

To The Honorable Of Road Inlet  
Road Inlet, N.W.T.

Please be advised that I support the motion to have the  
local airstrip extended for jet service. It is time  
that the service be expanded in this community.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
A. J. [unclear]

