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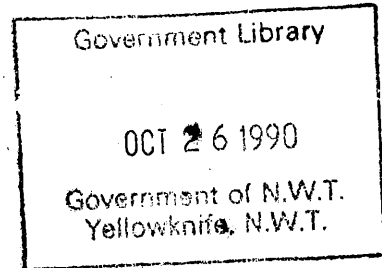
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October 18, 1990

The Honourable Nellie Cournoyea
 Minister of Public Works
 Government of the Northwest Territories
 P.O. Box 1320
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Dear Minister:

The Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce joins with the Iqaluit Chamber of Commerce in voicing its concern over the process used to award the contract for the construction of the Iqaluit apartment complex without calling for public tenders.

While we support the principle of preference for those sectors of our territory that have historically been left out of economic opportunities, this can be achieved through a myriad of ways without jeopardizing the long-established principle of open and competitive bidding for government funded projects. To do otherwise calls into question the fiscal responsibility of this government.

We would welcome a complete disclosure of the circumstances surrounding this matter.

Yours truly,

YELLOWKNIFE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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