

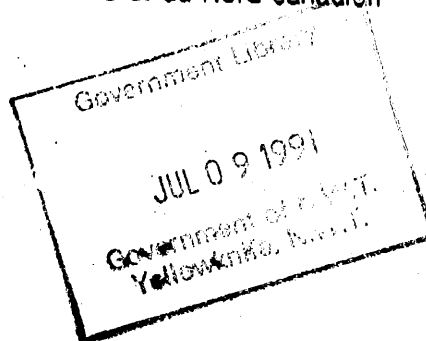
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Mr. Paul Quassa
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Dear Mr. Quassa:

Thank you for your letter of July 3, 1991 confirming TFN's agreement to accept the boundary recommended by Mr. Parker for defining the Inuit land claim settlement area, subject to certain measures to address the concerns of affected Inuit communities. I am pleased to confirm that government is prepared to finalize the long-standing boundary issue on that basis.

Given TFN's agreement, the boundary recommended by Mr. Parker will be used as the boundary for the Nunavut Settlement Area in completing the Final Agreement of the TFN land claim. The provisions for Inuit to own 220 square miles of land in fee simple south of Contwoyto Lake can, I am sure, be negotiated to accommodate the needs outlined in my letter of June 28, 1991 for fair accommodation of Inuit and Dene/Metis needs and other affected interests. With respect to the Healey Lake area, Inuit selections would be justified during the land ownership negotiations, recognizing that it may be necessary for Inuit to select some of this quantum in other areas of use. The measures respecting the Thelon Game Sanctuary can be incorporated into your Final Agreement reflecting the expressed commitment of Inuit and Dene/Metis to cooperative management of that area. With this final resolution of the boundary, I would hope that TFN and the Dene/Metis can constructively address remaining concerns regarding overlapping interests across the boundary line.



I am extremely pleased that we have been able to achieve a mutually acceptable solution to this contentious and complex boundary issue, and I assure you of my cooperation in explaining and supporting this agreement. As suggested in your letter, I will contact Mr. Patterson as soon as possible to advise him of our agreement, recognizing the implications it has for a boundary plebiscite for dividing the Northwest Territories.

Yours sincerely,

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