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Att: Mr. Don Avison

RE: PREMIER AND MRS. MORIN - FORT RESOLUTION PROPERTY

Dear Mr. Avison:

Thank you for your fax of May 28, 1996 which followed our telephone discussion concerning the above-noted matter.

After reviewing your letter, I am of the opinion that the Premier would be protected from any actual or perceived conflict in the sale of this property if the following steps were taken:

1. The land be sold at a fair market value. Fair market value would have to be established by an independent appraiser.
2. The Deninu Ku Band Council would have to provide a letter detailing that after due diligence they have been unable to locate any other suitable land.
3. In the event that the transaction does take place and the GNWT does, in fact, become an occupant of the building to be constructed, the Premier, if the matter arose in cabinet, would

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declare a conflict, the nature of it, and excuse himself from the meeting. It follows, of course, that outside of cabinet, he should have no involvement with any aspect of the matter.

I would be pleased to provide formal written advice pursuant to section 79.2 of the Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Act should the Premier wish. If that request is forthcoming, I would require the letter from the Band Council mentioned above, the estimate of fair market value and how it was determined.

I trust this is of assistance and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours truly,



Joel W. Fournier
Chief Commissioner
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