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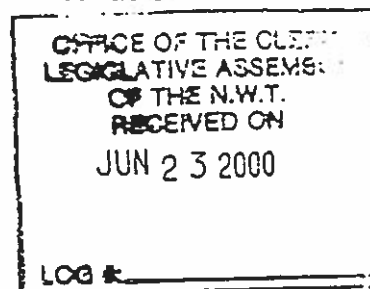


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Mr. Anthony Whitford, M.L.A.  
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Dear Mr. Whitford:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 30, 2000, addressed to the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister, with enclosed copy of the Resolution 12-14(2) of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories.

I would like to assure you and the other Members of the Legislative Assembly that the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development did everything within its mandate to try to resolve the issue of pensions for the former employees of the Giant Mine.

I also support your proposal for reforms to the *Pension Benefits Standards Act (1985)* and *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*. I intend to write to my colleagues, the Honourable Jim Peterson, Secretary of State (International Financial Institutions) and the Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry, inviting them to discuss the feasibility of modernizing these statutes to avoid similar situations in the future. I will also forward to them a copy of your resolution.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Nault, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, P.C., M.P.  
The Honourable Paul Martin, P.C., M.P.  
The Honourable John Manley, P.C., M.P.  
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The Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew, P.C., M.P.

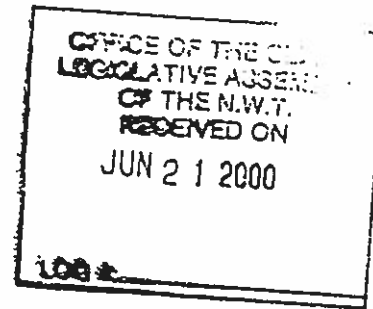
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June 13, 2000

The Honourable Anthony Whitford, M.L.A.,  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
of the Northwest Territories,  
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of March 30, with which you enclosed a copy of a resolution of the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly supporting the pension entitlements of former employees of Giant Mine. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

You may be assured that the views expressed in the resolution have been carefully considered. I am confident that the Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of Finance, to whom you indicate a copy of your correspondence has already been forwarded, will have appreciated being made aware of your views.

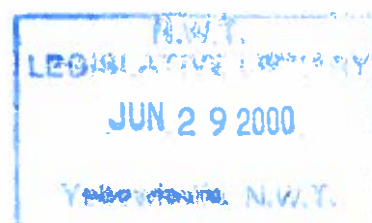
I have taken the liberty of directing a further copy to the Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry, to whom your correspondence will also be of interest.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

Sarbjee Kaur Sarai  
Special Assistant  
Correspondence

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March 30, 2000

The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, P.C., Q.C., M.P.  
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Dear Prime Minister:

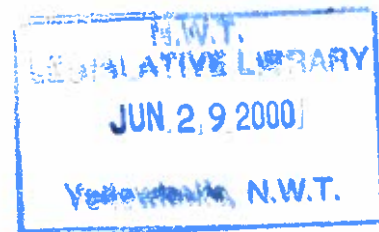
**Support for Pension Entitlements Due Former Giant Mine Workers**

I wish to transmit to you, Resolution 12-14(2) of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories. This Resolution was adopted unanimously on March 27, 2000. The Resolution is respectfully submitted for you and your Government's immediate consideration.

Sincerely,



Anthony (Tony) Whitford  
Speaker



Cc: Hon. Robert Nault, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development  
Hon. Paul Martin, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Member of Parliament, Western Arctic  
Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories