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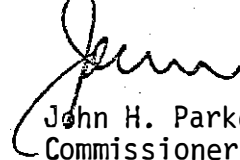
Dear Mel:

Further to our meeting and telephone conversation of last week when we discussed the transfer of the Mine Safety function from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs to the Territorial Government, I have come to the conclusion that we will not be making a job offer to you. This decision was not lightly taken, in fact it was a most difficult one. Had I not been assured that you have an offer of continuing employment with the Department at work which will be interesting to you and in a field which is of vital concern to us, we would have proposed a transfer to you and made a job offer.

As you have only two years before retirement, it seems sensible to me that we should recruit a head of the Mine Safety unit to whom we can look for leadership for a substantial number of years. I realize that you have a tremendous background of knowledge and experience and I am hoping sincerely that you will permit us to call upon this experience from time to time.

In my estimation you have been an excellent Mining Inspector, balancing the demands of labour and management to the mutual good of both groups. Although the transfer is some months away, please accept at this time my thanks for this excellent work.

Yours sincerely,



John H. Parker,  
Commissioner.

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