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Dear Neil,

Attached is a copy of the Geocon - 1981 Report on Arsenic Trioxide Sampling. Most of the original copies have disappeared and this is the only one I could find on short notice. However, it is complete.

This copy is on temporary loan for your personal use only. It remains a confidential report and the sole property of Royal Oak. Please do not circulate, and return it when you have finished your review.

You will find that the report deals with drilling and sampling of material in several of the arsenic chambers. The study was directed at sampling the material to determine its properties for flow, related to recovery methods. You may recall that I summarized the results of the study in my presentation at the Technical Meeting, in October.

It is Royal Oak's intention to use the information in its further study of recovery methods. The report has no relevance to the hydrogeology study being carried out by FracFlow, and as such we would prefer it does not become public.

Yours truly,  
**Royal Oak Mines Inc.**

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