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Dear Mr. Harper:

Thank you for your letter of January 5 expressing your concern about the possible alienation of land from exploration in the Haines Triangle of northwestern British Columbia.

As you suggest, a survey of mineral resources of the area would undoubtedly be useful in establishing the benefits of mining development relative to use of the land for recreational, wildlife or parks purposes. However, as mineral resources are within provincial jurisdiction, the initiative for such an assessment would have to come from the government of British Columbia. Therefore, I recommend that you raise this matter with the appropriate provincial authorities.

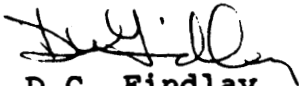
As you are probably aware the Geological Survey has conducted mineral resource assessments of lands in Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory at various times since the mid-1970's. These assessments, conducted on federal lands, were done for a variety of purposes but were mainly in response to questions raised concerning land alienations for national park establishments or for the native peoples land claims negotiations purposes. During these projects the Survey developed assessment methodologies that can be applied to the evaluation of resource potential of lands for various purposes.

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In the case if the Haines Triangle question, we would certainly be prepared to look at the requirements for a mineral resource assessment with our colleagues in the B.C. Geological Survey. It could require, however, that the initiative for such a study come from the provincial side.

I would be pleased to explore this issue with you further at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,



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