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Dear Mr McCammon,

During a recent visit to British Columbia I visited the B.C and Yukon Chamber of Mines to discuss with Mr Tom Elliott the potential availability of non-metallic minerals - chiefly zircon and magnesite. Mr Elliott was able to give some information but suggested that I should contact you with regard to magnesite deposits.

Whilst in Victoria, I telephoned your Department and spoke with Dr Holland, who told me that you had information on your files and could supply details of known deposits, locations and owners that I could follow up. He also explained that you were away on a field trip and that I should write requesting the above information, which I now do.

My interest is chiefly in high grade material, low in sesqui-oxides and with lime and silica below about 3% total, suitable for use in basic oxygen steelmaking furnaces. However, I don't suppose you have detailed analyses in most cases, so it will be sufficient just to have the contact addresses where these are available.

I am sorry that we were not able to meet since I could have shown you samples, with chemical and mineralogical assessment

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of comparative European materials that, I think, would have been of interest.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

for CHARNWOOD CONSULTANTS LTD.

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Dr. D. H. Houseman,
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Dear Dr. Houseman:

Enclosed is a resume of the information we have on magnesite occurrences in British Columbia.

At the present time the only deposit under active investigation is M10 in the list. It is being studied by Canex Placer Limited, Exploration Division, 700 Burrard Building, Vancouver 5, B. C. I think if you contact Mr. D. C. Rotherham, Manager of Exploration, Western Canada, of that company he could provide you with pertinent data concerning the deposit.

The two best deposits at Brisco (M9 in the list) are owned by A. P. Green Fire Brick Company Limited, 2122 Eighth Avenue Southeast, Calgary, Alberta.

The Marysville deposit (M12) is owned by Cominco at Trail, B. C.

As far as I am aware there has been no work done on any of the other occurrences and they are not at present owned by anyone.

I am sorry not to have been able to meet you when you were here.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. McCammon, P. Eng.,
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Encl. Resume and excerpts on Marysville and Brisco.