



December 24, 2007

Mr. Roy Franklin, Director  
Department of Indian and Northern Affairs  
Litigation Management & Resolution Branch  
10 Wellington Street  
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