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Gentlemen:

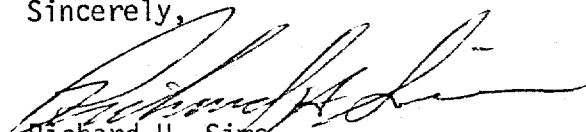
On behalf of the Water Resources Board, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for a most informative presentation on the Noranda Project underway on Admiralty Island. Your talk increased our interest in the biological impacts of heavy metals in fresh and salt water. Your project will afford an opportunity to develop baseline data which previously hasn't been available in Alaska.

The presentation generated much discussion, pointing out the necessity for state and federal resource agencies to work together in studying the effects of your mining endeavor.

We plan to invite the Yukon Water Board, comprised of twelve people, to attend our spring meeting in Juneau. This is tentatively scheduled for the latter part of March. At that time, we would appreciate having an opportunity to tour the Noranda mine site on Admiralty Island. Such a tour would enable us to better visualize the problems you contend with and would permit us to see the streams and water systems you are working to protect. The person to contact for arrangements is Karen Cantillon, Department of Environmental Conservation, at 465-2606.

Again, thank you for the presentation.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Sims
Chairman