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May 23, 2001

Dwight D. Chamberlain, Director
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RE: Former International Mining Company Site

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

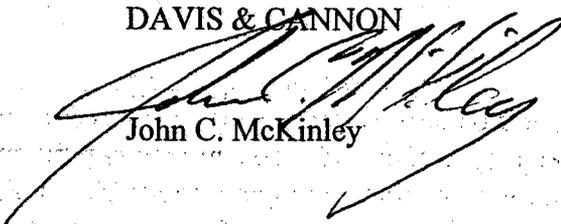
Philp Sheep Company and I have received your letters dated May 1, 2001 and May 18, 2001. Pursuant to your May 1, 2001 letter, you request that Philp Sheep Company "inform us of your plans regarding this property." At this time, Philp Sheep Company is still evaluating the information which you provided and assessing its responsibility, if any, for evaluation, reclamation, or removal of substances from the site. It is our understanding that the State of Wyoming, AML Division, is conducting preliminary site investigation and assessment. Once that has been completed, we believe that all entities involved will have a better understanding of how to proceed.

Pursuant to your May 1, 2001 letter, you make yourself available for a meeting in Wyoming to discuss this matter. At this time, it appears that a meeting would be premature. We thank you for your willingness to have a meeting but believe that any meeting should occur after additional information is obtained.

Thank you for providing the information regarding the International Mining Company site. We will be in contact with you after additional information and analysis has been obtained. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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cc: Philp Sheep Company -
c/o Frank Philp and
Mr. Evan Green, Administrator
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