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Devitt/rd

Mr. Sivertz - I am very glad to learn this. The "News of the North" is more open to error than I realized. My apologies to the Educ. Div.

*B.G. Sivertz*  
8 Nov. 58

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Ottawa, October 31, 1958.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY MINISTER:

Rayrock Mines School

In the Estimate Review we were criticized for permitting a teacher to go to Rayrock when no school facilities were available there for him. There was a story about this in the News of the North. At the time, Mr. Devitt refuted this statement, saying that to the best of his knowledge, in spite of the newspaper reports which said otherwise, the teacher did not go to Rayrock.

Mr. Jacobson has since written to the Chief Superintendent of Schools at Fort Smith asking for a full report of the incident. This report has now reached this office and a quotation from it follows:

"If the News of the North reported that Mr. Watsyk proceeded to Rayrock, that publication was most certainly in error.

Mr. Watsyk, who at one point, was considered for Rayrock did not leave Yellowknife but was utilized as a teacher in the Yellowknife Composite School pending the completion of the buildings and housing at Jean Marie River."

All this was discussed and arranged in co-operation with Mr. Devitt when Mr. Booth was in Ottawa. In his report Mr. Booth continues by saying that when he received advice that the school at Jean Marie River was ready for opening he had Mr. Watsyk return from Yellowknife to Fort Smith for two days' briefing prior to his going to Jean Marie River. He arrived there last Saturday, ready to open that school just one day after the school and teacherage were completed.

I am sure you will be happy to know that Mr. Watsyk did not go to Rayrock but was sent to Yellowknife since additional help, due to the opening of the new school, was required there.

*B.G. Sivertz*  
B.G. Sivertz,  
Director.

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SEPTEMBER 18/58

- (8) Ray Rock school. This did not get built this year and apparently has been a complete mess. We told Ray Rock we would buy a building and then decided to build; did not get it built; and sent a teacher in with no school. Please find out how the fiasco happened and check what is needed for this winter and for next year.

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Yellowknife "NEWS OF THE NORTH"  
September 11, 1958

*re Rayrock school*

### **Teacher-No School!**

Liaison is pretty poor between departments somewhere along the line in government circles.

For instance last week a teacher arrived at Rayrock just busting with enthusiasm to get at it with his young charges.

But there was no place to get at it with 'em in.

It had been decreed a school would be built at Rayrock this summer.

It wasn't.

Teacher came anyway.

Somebody may find a solution to this sort of nonsense, but it isn't the first time it's happened like this.

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Ottawa, 25th July, 1958.

Walter E. Clarke, Esq.,  
Mine Manager,  
Rayrock Mines Limited,  
Yellowknife, N. W. T.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

Thank you for your letter of the 15th of July concerning classroom space for the children of your settlement.

The decision to construct a new classroom for the Indian village was made when our engineers indicated this was more economical than purchasing the Northland building which you kindly offered to arrange for us. I am sorry I had to change the views expressed in my letter to you of the 25th of April, and sincerely trust you were not inconvenienced by this change in plans.

In your letter, you also mentioned that in regard to the enlarging of the classroom on the Rayrock property, you would like to have full payment of the expenditures involved on completion of the addition rather than having the payments spread over several years as we previously suggested. I am quite willing to make arrangements to have this done. Would you, therefore, supply us with complete details of the cost when the construction is completed so we can arrange payment?

May I say again how much we appreciate the co-operation we are getting from you in supplying better educational facilities to the children of this area.

Yours sincerely,

R. G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister.

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Director, Administration and Lands Branch

# Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources

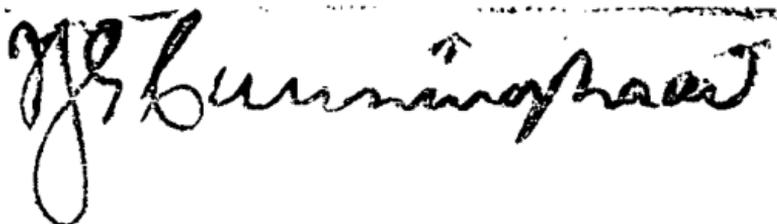
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TO: MR. SIVERTZ

DATE July 21

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July 15th, 1958.

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Mr. R. G. Robertson, Deputy Minister,  
 Department of Northern Affairs & National  
 Resources,  
 OTTAWA, Ontario.

*reply July 25-*

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This will acknowledge with thanks, receipt  
 of your letter of June 27th, regarding the use of one of the  
 Northland buildings as a school house for the Indian village.

The information that you do not wish to  
 purchase this building for the above purpose, came as a bit  
 of a surprise, considering your letter of April 25th. As a  
 matter of fact in another few days, the building would have  
 been placed on the site.

With regard to the enlarging of the class-  
 room on the Rayrock property, as this expenditure must be  
 paid for immediately by Rayrock, for both labour and materials,  
 and as the extension is required for Indian children, not Ray-  
 rock children, it would seem quite reasonable for Rayrock to  
 request full payment of the expenditure on completion, rather  
 than spread over several years. Your consideration of the  
 Company's position would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,  
 RAYROCK MINES LIMITED,

*Walter E. Clarke*

Walter E. Clarke,  
 Mine Manager.

cc - J. C. Byrne  
 R. J. Kilgour

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Ottawa, 27 June, 1958.

*Reply'd July 15*

Walter E. Clarke, Esq.,  
Mine Manager,  
Rayrock Mines Ltd.,  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of April 30th. Your proposal to make one of your Northland buildings available to us has been studied by our Education Division and the engineering staff, both in the field and here in Ottawa.

For various reasons it has not been possible for us to take advantage of your kind offer. We have been standardizing on various type schools in the North and our proposed plan of erecting, across the bay, our plan NWT. 133 is in accordance with our overall planning. We are at the same time eliminating the use of such finishes as Pennacona Board and Ten-test as these materials are definite fire hazards. I am enclosing a copy of the plan 133 for your information.

The cost of erecting the plan 133 is approximately the same as outlined for your Northland building. In both units the value of wiring, heating, etc., would also have to be computed as an accessory cost. As a work crew would have to be taken in to the site for interior alterations, it was also felt that the same crew could erect a new unit in almost the same interval of time. Although we are not able to take advantage of your offer, we thank you for making it.

Your estimate for enlarging the classroom on Rayrock property of \$1,700 seems reasonable. As mentioned in my letter of April 25th, I am prepared to recommend to my Minister that the Federal Government pay the cost of this addition, the only change being that we would appreciate the cost of the alterations being spread over several years payable on a rental basis for the school. Would you please, therefore, let me have your comments on this phase as to rental payments or a one lump sum payment when this project is completed.

**APPROVED**

*R.G. Robertson*  
Yours sincerely,  
*R.G. Robertson*

c.c.  
Dr. Westwater.  
R.J. Kilgour.

*J. L. ...*  
Director, Northern Administration and Lands Branch.

R.G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister.

DEPUTY MINISTER  
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Dept. of Northern Affairs  
& National Resources

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Ottawa, 18 June, 1958.

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. WESTWATER  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, FORT SMITH

Rayrock Teacher Appointments

I have discussed with the Director the problem of the Indian school children at Rayrock as set out in Mr. Clarke's letter to you dated the 6th of June and enclosed with your memorandum to me of the 11th of June. After speaking to the Deputy Minister, because the subject touches the understandings between him and Bishop Trocellier, it was decided you should handle this matter locally, speaking first to Bishop Trocellier and ensuring he is in agreement with your action. It is necessary to do this because I understand the Indian children are all of the Roman Catholic faith. In such circumstances it is our normal policy to appoint a Roman Catholic teacher. Appointing a Protestant for the entire year without explaining our action in doing so to Bishop Trocellier would invite inquiry from the Bishop and possibly a protest.

If you believe Miss Currie should be appointed in the circumstances, - and many arguments can be adduced in favour, - speak of them to Bishop Trocellier, and it is not unlikely that he will agree. However, if he does not agree, I think it will then be necessary for you to make some other arrangement, probably the employment of a single male Roman Catholic who can board at the Mine. We will be billed \$5.00 a day and will be able to recover \$40.00 a month from the employee himself. For such an arrangement we shall have to seek Treasury Board approval, and you should therefore let me know as soon as possible so that I may take any action required here in Ottawa.

*Spoke to  
Tom re  
JHR*

The Deputy Minister agrees that the Superintendent of Schools, Fort Smith, should handle locally as much as possible of the school business, and we are seizing this opportunity to get the new policy underway. Please bear in mind, however, that these questions of religious arrangements in the schools are very delicate and have many implications involving the Deputy Minister, both in his federal and territorial capacities. It is therefore desirable that we be kept informed rather more fully of things touching religion than of other matters, including memoranda of conversations with the Bishop.

Probably it will be necessary to undertake the appointment of a Protestant teacher to teach the group of Roman Catholic Indian children as a temporary arrangement for one year. In making such a declaration I think it is only reasonable that we be prepared to say how we are going to handle the situation next year. Subject to your recommendations after you visit Rayrock, as I believe you intend doing late this month, I think we should build a teacher's residence in 1959. Perhaps we should also build a consolidated school. This is a subject for discussion with the Mine management, and it is a delicate one since the Indians are not yet welcome to the employees of the Mine as classmates for their children. We will be looking forward to hearing from you the results of your discussion of the timing of the developing school facilities at Rayrock. In your conversations you may make statements of our intentions regarding the building of a teacher's residence and, if you see fit, a school as well at Rayrock in 1959, or partially in 1959 and partially in 1960. I have used the phrase statements of our intention rather than commitments because we can only be positive on these matters after the government has agreed to provide the funds. However, there is not much doubt of our ability to obtain approval for essential projects such as the Rayrock school requirements.

*J. V. Jacobson*  
J. V. Jacobson,  
Chief,  
Education Division.

*OK JB*  
c.c. Deputy Minister ✓

# Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources

OFFICE THE DEPUTY MINISTER

TO: MR. SIVERTZ

DATE May 7

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*J. Cunningham*

*accepted  
May 27*

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DEPUTY MINISTER  
MAY 7 A.M.  
Dept. of Northern Affairs  
& National Resources

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April 30th, 1958

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Mr. R. G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Northern Affairs &  
National Resources,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of April 25th regarding additional classroom facilities at Rayrock and the schoolhouse to be erected at the Indian Village.

The estimate for enlarging the classroom on the Rayrock property is \$1,700.00. With reference to your proposed recommendation to the Minister, it would appear that, from the latest count of Rayrock and Indian children who will be attending the enlarged school, Rayrock would be responsible for approximately 50% of the alteration cost. The present classroom will be sufficiently large for Rayrock children expected to attend school next year. Thus the alteration program, in effect, would be entirely for the accommodation of the Indian children. It would be appreciated if this would be considered when your recommendation for payment is submitted.

As suggested in Mr. Kilgour's letter of March 31st, we would be willing to deliver one of the Northland buildings to the site in the Indian Village for \$10.00 per square foot of building. The proposed building is 20' x 36' for a cost of \$7,200.00. The preparation of the site and construction of a timber foundation set on bed rock is estimated at \$1,750.00, completely closed in and covered with white siding. Thus the total cost of the building, ready for use, but without any interior alterations would be \$8,950.00.

I trust that the above information is what you require.

Yours very truly,

RAYROCK MINES LIMITED,

*Walter E. Clarke*

Walter E. Clarke,  
Mine Manager.

cc - Mr. J. C. Byrne  
Mr. R. J. Kilgour

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(MR. SIVERTZ: Redraft of your letter  
of April 25, copy attached)

Copy - Mr. Kilgour.

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Ottawa, April 25, 1958.

W. E. Clarke, Esq.,  
Manager,  
Rayrock Mines Limited,  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

Over the past few months there has been an exchange of correspondence between Mr. Kilgour and me with reference to the provision of additional classroom facilities at Rayrock. I am, for the purposes of this letter, assuming that you are familiar with the contents of this exchange.

With reference first to the enlargement of the existing classroom at Rayrock, I am prepared to recommend to my Minister that the federal government pay the same proportion of the cost of enlarging the school room as the number of children expected to attend the school in September 1958 who are the children of parents normally resident in the Territories bears to the total number of children expected to attend that classroom at that time. Before I can make a specific recommendation to my Minister, however, it will be necessary for me to have some idea of the cost of the proposed enlargement. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me have this as quickly as you can, because we will soon be required to close off our supplementary departmental estimates for the current fiscal year.

In Mr. Kilgour's last letter dated March 31, he made a suggestion with reference to the proposed new classroom to be located at the Rayrock Indian Village, and I would like now to say to you that I am also prepared to recommend to my Minister that we accept that offer. I take it therefore that you would now proceed to move this building to the Rayrock Indian Village. We would like you to do so, and also to place it on an

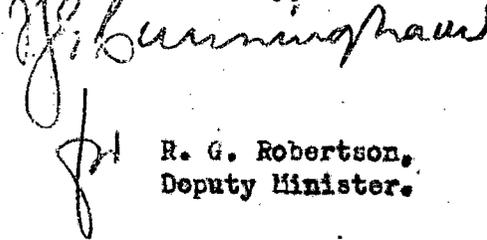
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appropriate foundation, but I cannot authorize this finally until I have ministerial approval and also Treasury Board approval to the inclusion of the necessary total cost in the supplementary departmental estimates. I would appreciate it therefore, if you would at your earliest possible convenience let me have your estimate of the laid down cost of the building at Rayrock Indian Village, your suggestions as to the type of foundation upon which it should be placed, and your estimate of the cost of your doing so.

As soon as I hear from you and have got approval for participation in these two projects I will telegraph you.

Yours sincerely,



R. G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister.



CANADA

DEPUTY MINISTER  
OF  
NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

Ottawa, 25th April, 1958.

W. E. Clarke, Esq.,  
Manager,  
Rayrock Mines Limited,  
Yellowknife, N. W. T.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

Mr. Kilgour wrote to me on March 31 about the school at Rayrock. One of the things mentioned was that the existing school should be enlarged. I am prepared to recommend to the Minister that the Department share in the cost of making the enlargement in the proportion that the number of children of parents normally resident in the Territories bears to the total number of children expected to attend the school in September, 1958. Before doing so, I would need to know what you expect the enlargement will cost.

Thank you for your kind offer to make a 20' x 36' building available to us for use as a school at an approximate cost of \$10.00 per square foot of floor area F.O.B. Rayrock. We will be pleased to take advantage of your offer since it should result in a considerable saving for us to do so.

I might say that I am very pleased with the interest and co-operation shown by your company in providing additional school facilities at Rayrock.

Yours sincerely,

R. G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister.

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25 April  
F.R.

Ottawa, 11 April, 1958.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SIVERTZ

Will you please prepare a reply to the letter from Rayrock Mines Limited dated March 31st, copy attached. There are two points which should be dealt with, the first the proposal for the sharing of the cost of the <sup>enlarging</sup> existing class room, and the second the proposal for assisting us in providing class room facilities at the Indian village.

With regard to the first point, it seems to me that we might properly offer to pay the same proportion of the cost of enlarging the school room as the number of children expected to attend the school in September, 1958 who are the children of parents normally resident in the Territories bears to the total number of children expected to attend the school at that time. If you agree, you might state that we would be prepared to recommend to the Minister participation on this basis, and enquire of Mr. Kilgour what the anticipated cost of the enlargement is.

With reference to the second point, it seems to me that we should definitely take advantage of Mr. Kilgour's offer. If you agree, would you so state in the draft.

*F. J. G. C.*  
F.J.G.C.

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MINE OFFICE:  
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Dept. of Northern Affairs  
& National Resources.

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Mr. R. G. Robertson, Deputy Minister,  
Dept. of Northern Affairs and National Resources,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

*reply Apr 25*

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Thank you for your letter of March <sup>25</sup>15th concerning our local educational problems.

We are glad to say that we concur entirely with your suggestions.

① There is one point mentioned in my last letter that I do not think was referred to by you. That is, to accommodate children of Indian employees who fall into the category mentioned in the first paragraph, page 2, of your letter, we must enlarge our present school. We feel that the cost of this enlargement might be shared by your department and would appreciate your consideration on this point.

We may be able to make a suggestion that would be of interest to your proposed program. Since our last correspondence we have purchased some buildings for employee housing. We bought a job lot and may be able to spare one. This is a one story building 20' x 36', partitioned into two rooms about 18' x 19', 3 years old, in good condition, insulated, finished inside with Ten-test, covered outside with shiplap and "Asbestoside" siding, and with 55 lb. roofing. The interior is unpainted. We plan to move these buildings to Rayrock as soon as possible and estimate that they will cost us about \$10.00 per square foot of floor area F.O.B. Rayrock.

② If this building were of interest to your Department we would be prepared to move it to the Indian village, but not set it on a foundation of any kind, for the above figure. We could, if you so wished, provide the necessary labour and materials at cost, required to put the building on any foundation you would prefer.

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In the event that you feel that this building would be suitable, and if you wish to so advise us, please address your letter to Mr. W. E. Clarke, Manager, Rayrock Mines Limited. I will be on holiday for the month of April, and our reply, if necessary, might be delayed.

Yours very truly,

RAYROCK MINES LIMITED

*R. J. Kilgour*

R. J. Kilgour,  
General Manager.

RJK/rep

c.c. J. C. Byrne  
W. E. Clarke

# Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources

OFFICE : THE DEPUTY MINISTER

DATE

25 March 58

TO:

MR. SIVERTZ

FOR ACTION:

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B. J. 25 April

reply d 31 March

Ottawa, 25 March, 1958.

R. J. Kilgour, Esq.,  
General Manager,  
Rayrock Mines Limited,  
Yellowknife, N. W. T.

Dear Mr. Kilgour,

Thank you very much for your letter of March 15th with regard to the Rayrock school question. I have read it with great interest, and I want, at the outset, to assure you that I have every sympathy with the special problems which you face at Rayrock. Further, I think that the suggestion that you have made for a solution to the problem is workable, and I am prepared to work out something along these lines.

I therefore propose to set the machinery in motion at once for the construction of a 512 building at the Indian Village in the summer of 1958, and to use that building commencing in September 1958 as a school for children resident at that settlement. Because all - or nearly all - of the pupils will be children who have had very little, if any, previous schooling, and will, in consequence, be older than is usual for the grades they will be in, the school will be organized as an "accelerated class room" in the same manner as similar rooms are organized in other settlements where a similar problem exists.

I have noted your willingness to provide facilities for lodging and boarding the teacher at your camp, and will be most happy to take advantage of your kind offer.

The statistics which you give as your expectations of school attendance by children of employees of your company

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between now and 1962 leads me to conclude that we should, for the present at least, carry on the existing school on the present basis. To be eligible for admission to this school a child would, therefore, have to be the son or daughter of an employee of your company, and his background such as to make it unnecessary for him to have the special benefits of the "accelerated class room".

For administrative purposes we would like to regard these two separated class rooms as belonging to the same school. This would enable us to achieve organizational economies in the ordering and supplying of school materials and equipment, and it would enable us also to treat one of the two teachers - whichever happens to be the most senior and experienced - as a principal, with consequent salary advantages.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know as quickly as you can whether you concur in the suggestions made in this letter.

Yours sincerely,



R. G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister.

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TORONTO, ONT.

*Copy sent Mr. Smith*

MINE OFFICE:  
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# RAYROCK MINES LIMITED

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March 15th, 1958.

*reply d. 25 March*

Mr. R.G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister,  
Dept. of Northern Affairs and National Resources,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

DEPUTY MINISTER  
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Dept. of Northern Affairs  
& National Resources.

[Signature]

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Thank you for your letter of February 26th which I have read with much interest.

First, I think, the position of the Company and Management, in regard to education of the children of Indian employees, should be clearly defined. We are sympathetic toward any effort to improve the education of these children. We feel that education is their only hope if they are to cope with the new living conditions in the Territories. Consequently our consciences urge us to take as many of these children into our school as we can, while at the same time realities are a strong deterrent to that course of action.

The realities that deter us are those associated with any desperately poor people of <sup>any</sup> race. These children unfortunately, are unclean according to our standards, their parents, at least, require a good deal of treatment for venereal disease, and from observation we believe that they are much more sophisticated sexually than we feel is desirable for our children to be. In short we fear that Gresham's Law will operate if our children and the Indian children were to mingle indiscriminately, especially if the Indian children were in such a majority as appears evident.

The last two paragraphs would seem to indicate that we have room in our school for more pupils and that we could take in Indian children if we wished which brings us to the points raised in your letter.

The figure given to Mr. Jacobson by the teacher, Mrs. Cartier, appears to have been one that was accurate last fall but since then there has been quite an influx of families into camp. This, we feel, is due partly to wood cutting operations by a contractor for us which has engaged up to as many as 30 men at times. Indians are fairly transient so the figure given in our last letter may have changed a bit but was what the R.C.M.P. reported to us in January. As regards room in the school for more children, this is really a matter of opinion. The school room is about 16' x 19'. The children sit in individual desks. After provision for a teacher's desk, some room in front of the black boards, and aisles we think there is room for one more desk. The situation is like bunkhouses. If men in bunkhouses sleep in single beds "X" men can go into "Y" square feet of floor area. With double deck bunks "2X" men can go into the same area, and with triple deckers "3X" or nearly "3X" men can be accommodated and so on. But for long usage only single beds are now considered adequate, similarly with our school desks.

Mr. R.G. Robertson

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Since we felt that there was room only for one more student and as we anticipate that our school facilities will be fully used next year for sure and possibly at anytime if we engage an employee with children of schoolage, we have not invited any Indian child to come to school so far. As you may know, Rayrock has a sizeable loan from the bank, required to bring the mine into production. Until this is paid, capital expenditures have to be kept to the absolutely essential, so we don't anticipate any addition to our school for some time. At present the school only occupies about half of the building enclosing it and at one time we considered turning the whole building into a school once the other half became available. This plan had been shelved however.

Concerning possible educational requirements at Rayrock, your information as to Rayrock's future appears reasonable. At Discovery our experience on a similar operation has been that our school population did not rise above 10 until we had 22 families resident on the property which was 6 years after production started. This is partly due to a policy of encouraging employment of both husband and wife, where we have to provide housing. As regards Northland, which is 28 miles away, I do not believe that employees of that property will find it feasible to live at Rayrock on account of the distance from their work.

Reference your request for a forecast as to educational requirements in your final paragraph. It would seem to us that from Discovery experience, there will not be over 12 white students at Rayrock until 1962 and that there will likely be 20-30 Indian children of school age resident there at anytime.

At present we employ 6 Indians steadily and 8 Indians casually. Others are employed for short periods cutting wood, unloading freight etc. We do not expect any reduction in Indian employees, rather the contrary if Mr. Taylor's plan for training Indian Miners proves successful.

Mr. Cairns, Inspector of Schools has recently paid us a visit, during which schooling was discussed with Mr. Clarke, Mine Manager, and myself.

We felt that a suggestion made by Mr. Jacobson in January might furnish a solution that would provide the needed education and at the same time diminish the objections our people have to association with the Indians. The suggestion was to operate two schools for the present. One would serve white children and Indian children who are now attending school elsewhere. The other would be for Indian children who have not previously attended school and who have little or no English.

The former would be achieved by enlarging our present school as mentioned above with government participation as soon as the remaining space in the building became available probably in June. We feel that this enlarged room would be adequate for the children in the first category.

For children who have not been to school previously we suggest that consideration be given to the erection of a type of building designated "512", located in the Indian village less than half a mile South of the Mine. This building would serve as a community centre for the village as well.

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Mr. R.G. Robertson

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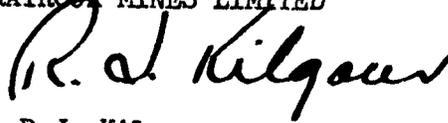
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We feel that the population of the Indian village will tend to become more and more stable as time passes and that there will always be enough children to warrant two rooms. Then, as soon as it was feasible this second school might be moved so as to be closely adjacent to the present one.

We have one residence pretty well set aside for the teacher at present, so we feel that suitable accommodation for a second teacher can be arranged satisfactorily when required.

Yours very truly,

RAYROCK MINES LIMITED



R.J. Kilgour,  
General Manager.

RJK/es

c.c. W.E.C.  
J.C.B.  
J.D. Cairns

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I puzzled over this drafting problem for 2 hours, & finally concluded that we were getting into an unnecessarily complicated piece of drafting.

I put all previous efforts aside, and tried a new approach, which I think fits in with what we want to do at Norman Wells, Rayrock, Rankin Inlet & Deine Point.

Will you buy it?

M. Cunningham

MSB

This drops out the percentage feature — so 70% of NWT revenues prior to employment. However, it may be hopeless to get it in. I would buy the —

MSB

24/III/58.

March 15/58  
See memo apu 895  
from RGS

File No. 250-40-172C  
MAR 25 1958  
D. F.  
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to operate a (RGS)  
2R comments from  
2P

(1) The policy of the federal government is to operate a "federal school" at any settlement within the Territories where there is reasonable certainty of a continuing average daily attendance of 20 or more children over a sufficient number of years to warrant the capital expenditure involved in constructing and equipping a school and a residence for the teacher.

(2) Where, at a place where a company is carrying on operations, there are children of school age in a number less than 20, for all or some of whom the company desires to have educational facilities provided, or where the number of such children is 20 or more but the federal government is not satisfied that the company's operations are certain to be continued for a sufficient number of years to warrant the capital expenditure involved in constructing and equipping a school and teacher's residence, the federal government may <sup>join in the</sup> operate a "company school" pursuant to agreement with the company concerned.

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(3) The federal government will engage the teacher for a company school, pay his transportation expenses and his salary and northern allowances, and provide school supplies and equipment. The company will provide a classroom, living quarters for the teacher, and utilities (light, heat, water and sanitary facilities). The company may charge the teacher for lodging and food at the same rate as it charges its employees.

(4) The Territorial Government will pay to the federal government an annual sum which bears the same proportion to the federal government's expenditures in connection with the school as the number of children for whom the Territorial Government is responsible (non-Eskimo and non-Indian children) bears to the total number of children attending the school, based on average monthly attendance.

Original sent in reply for comment

JSD  
Mar 25

Jill  
JH

Mr. Cunningham:

Re: Policy on Company Schools

Concerning Mr. Brown's proposals (memo of 1/23) and your comments, the difficulty about making simply the change you suggest is that we would not have room for Pine Point under the policy, about not fully considered this in my earlier comments. Almost certainly the bulk of its employees will come from outside & children may well not be 50% of children who were students of the N.W.T. yet we should build the school.

I am also doubtful re #1. Would we expect C.M.S. to build a school at first at P.P.? Clearly not.

How would something like the following be:

"1. In the case of a new mine, which is beginning on a small scale or in which there are few married employees, we would expect the mining co. to provide the school (as at present) until there are 20 children of school age attending the mine school or who could attend a school at that point because they are resident in the area.

(This would mean that Port Redoubt & Norman Wells would stay as at present. Rayrock could be changed over since there are, I believe 18 children of school age + the 6 in school in the area.)

2. When there are 20 children available for schooling or when, in the case of a new mine, the scale and employment policy of the mine make it clear that there will be 20 or more children available for schooling as soon as it begins operation or very shortly thereafter, the department will (unless there are special reasons to the contrary) construct and operate a school when:

(a) there is reasonable assurance or likelihood that the mine is going to continue in operation. 000978

for at least 10 years, or, in the case of a mine which may be in operation for a shorter period, when the preponderance of children and of parents formerly resident in the N.W.T. and special considerations make the provision of a federal school desirable (e.g. Rankin Inlet), and

(B) in the case of mines where there are over 20 but not over 40 children available for schooling, when the majority are of parents formerly resident in the N.W.T., or

(C) in the case of mines where there are over 40 children available for schooling, a federal school will be provided except in special circumstances.

3. (As in M. Brown's memo).

4. Children in the area of a federal school built near a mine property will be assigned to it whether their parents are employed by the mining company or not."

I have not thought out all the angles on this nor, I think, has anyone else. The point in M. Brown's memo is not adequate because 2(a) does not cover Rankin Inlet + 2(b) would require us to build a school at Norman Wells if 4 Inuit children were added. The change you suggest would bring in Rankin, but not cover Pine Point. As I see it, we need a statement of policy that will:

1. not require us to build a school where there are very few pupils or, even if there are a fair number, when they all belong to people brought in for a short term
2. Enact us to build a school at once for D.P. or any other substantial mine.

Pls look at further.

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# Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MINISTER

TO:



DATE 15/12/58

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Sivertz/Devitt/jdm



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DEPUTY MINISTER  
MAR 4 P.M.  
Dept. of Northern Affairs  
National Resources

PLEASE QUOTE  
FILE 600-1-1

NORTHERN ADMINISTRATION  
AND LANDS BRANCH

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ottawa, March 3, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY MINISTER

Re: Policy on Company Schools

File No. 250-40-171

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With reference to Mr. Cunningham's memorandum of December 2, 1957, the following schools connected with mining or oil companies now exist in the Northwest Territories:

Present Enrolments.

- |                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| (a) Port Radium           | 6  |
| (b) Discovery Yellowknife | 14 |
| (c) Rayrock               | 6  |
| (d) Rankin Inlet          | 51 |
| (e) Norman Wells          | 3  |

Before long, other schools of this nature may come into existence in the Northwest Territories. It is, therefore, expedient that a definite statement of policy be outlined covering the establishment and operation of these schools.

Up until this date, the classrooms to house these schools in company communities have been supplied by the company concerned. The company has also supplied light, heat, water and sanitary services for the classroom and, in addition, has supplied living quarters for the teacher. The company, of course, charges the teacher for lodging and food at the same rate as it charges its employees. The federal government engages the teacher, with the approval of the company head, pays his transportation expenses, salary and northern allowance, and provides his school supplies and equipment. The territorial government reimburses the federal government in full for the teacher's salary and allowances. This arrangement has worked out for the most part quite satisfactorily.

There have been a few occasions where the improvised classroom facilities provided by the company were used for recreational purposes in the evenings for the mine staff. This situation has interfered to some extent with the efficiency of our educational programme. We have found it difficult to get well qualified teachers since, due to the lack

Not in the case of (d)

of living accommodation, it is often necessary to employ a married woman whose husband is a mine employee.

I believe we should now consider the policy of company schools afresh. We need to increase the efficiency of our educational programme by obtaining somewhat better control over the classroom facilities and employment of the teacher. However, I think it would be a retrograde step to introduce criteria of eligibility for children to attend school. Questions of domicile are not usually raised in schools in the provinces. If we were to set up criteria of this nature we might find that certain children from time to time are ineligible for schooling. This would be unfortunate and perhaps embarrassing.

It is, therefore, strongly recommended that the following policy be in effect with respect to the construction and operation of company schools:

1. that we continue with our present policy of having the school operated as a company school during the initial stages of the company's operation.
2. providing there is a sufficient number of children to justify a school, that the school be constructed and operated by the federal government
  - (a) when an assurance has been received from the company that their operation is of a continuing nature, or
  - (b) where at least 50% of the children of school age are of parents who are permanent residents of the Northwest Territories, employed by the company on a full-time basis.
3. that when a situation such as that outlined in 2(a) or 2(b) exists, all costs will be shared by the Territorial and Federal Governments on a proportionate basis, depending upon whether the children are of white or other status.
4. that any children in the immediate area <sup>will</sup> ~~may~~ be assigned to this school whether or not their parents are employed by the company concerned.

Do you agree to the above policies?

*W.G. Brown*  
W.G. Brown,  
Acting Director.

*See my memo*  
*In accord with discussion noted by you*  
*at foot of memo sent to you of 2/11,*  
*I recommend acceptance of foregoing except:*  
*(1) delete 2. (a)*  
*(2) make 4. applicable only where 2. (b) comes into effect*

*I agree. But*  
*where 2(b) is*  
*in effect, 4 is automatic. 4-15*  
*our school.*

*WGB*

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Deputy Minister	250-40-17
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Ottawa, February 26, 1958.

H. J. Kilgour, Esq.,  
General Manager,  
Rayrock Mines Limited,  
Yellowknife, N. W. T.

Dear Mr. Kilgour:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 25. I note that the information which the R.C.M.P. Constable at Fort Rae gave to you indicates that there are 25 Indian children of school age resident with their parents at Rayrock and that there are also an additional 14 children of these same parents who are resident elsewhere.

When Mr. Jacobson visited this school on January 17, he was told by the teacher, Mrs. F. Cartier, that there were at least 9 Indian children of school age living at Rayrock who were not attending school and that two or three of these had previously attended a school. Mr. Jacobson has told me that there are at the present time only 7 white children attending the company school at Rayrock, and that the classroom would accommodate 14 students. It would appear, therefore, physically possible to admit up to 7 of these Indian children to the company school.

When we discussed this question last month, I expressed the view to you that the two or three children who had previous schooling might be taken into the present school. I would appreciate it very much if you would tell me whether you have taken in any of these Indian children, and, if so, how many. Would you be willing to take in enough Indian children, in addition to the white children presently enrolled, to bring the enrolment up to fourteen? White children would, of course, have priority, but I would hope that you would be willing to give a second preference to children, if any, of Indians employed by your company, and a third preference to other Indian children who have had previous schooling elsewhere.

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This would, perhaps, be an opportune time to consider what the educational requirements at Rayrook are likely to be in the future. My present information is that we can reasonably expect that Rayrook will continue in production for another 7 years at least on a basis of some 120 tons production a day with an operating staff of about 65 men. I also understand that there is an excellent chance that Consolidated Northland will come into production soon at a rate of some 50 tons a day with a life expectancy of at least 5 years, and that it will employ some 15 to 20 men who will likely live at Rayrook.

I would appreciate it if you would let me know when a decision will be made as to whether Consolidated Northland will come into production, and whether the forecast set out above is correct.

If the situation should develop as outlined above, the result might well be that, from the families of employees of the two mines and from other families who might be attracted to the settlement, there would be at least 25 children of school age living at Rayrook. If this should transpire and if 50% or more of the available pupils should be children of parents who had resided in the Northwest Territories before they took up employment in the mines, or were children of parents who were not employed in the mines, I would be justified in recommending to my Minister the establishment of a federal day school with living quarters for the teacher at Rayrook. I would appreciate it very much, therefore, if you would give me your forecast as to how the situation will develop. I do not know how soon we should aim at establishing a federal school if one is warranted, and would very much appreciate hearing your ideas as to a target date for the school opening. Please bear in mind that it will take two summers to arrange the provision of necessary funds, get materials into the site, and construct the school. It would not be possible to open a school in September 1959 unless the decision to do so were taken by May 1, 1958.

Yours sincerely,



R. G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister.

FEB 26 1958



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DEPUTY MINISTER  
OF  
NORTHERN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL RESOURCES

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Ottawa, February 13, 1958.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY MINISTER

Attached is Mr. Sivertz' memorandum of February 11 regarding education at Rayrock, and a draft letter to Mr. Kilgour.

I do not think that we are as yet in a position to make a firm decision to change from the present company school to a federal day school at Rayrock. Before we can make a decision we must get more information than is asked for in the draft letter to Mr. Kilgour. I have, therefore, redrafted it.

*F.J.C.C.*  
F.J.C.C.

JACOBSON/RK

PLEASE QUOTE

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FEB 26 1958



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Dept. of Northern Affairs  
& National Resources

NORTHERN ADMINISTRATION  
AND LANDS BRANCH

Ottawa, February 11, 1958.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY MINISTER:

TEACHING OF INDIAN CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL  
AT RAYROCK

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by PRR

The questions raised in your memorandum of February 6th on the above subject have been dealt with separately in reply to a letter received from Mr. Kilgour. I am however contacting the Superintendent of Schools at Fort Smith to determine whether the two Indian children have actually been admitted to the Rayrock Mine School. I will advise you further when a reply is received from him.

*Handwritten initials*

*Handwritten signature*  
B.G. Sivertz,  
Director.



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DEPARTMENT OF

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NORTHERN ADMINISTRATION AND LANDS BRANCH

DEPUTY MINISTER PLEASE QUOTE  
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 DEPT. OF NORTHERN AFFAIRS & NATIONAL RESOURCES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ottawa, February 11, 1958.

FEB 26 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY MINISTER

Deputy Minister  
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Re: Education of Indian Children at Rayrock

You asked for my comments on Mr. Kilgour's letter of the 25th of January. When Mr. Jacobson visited this school on the 17th of January there were the following children enrolled, all of white status:

Grade III	1
" IV	1
" V	1
" VI	4
Total . . .	<u>7</u>

The teacher, Mrs. F. Cartier, mentioned that there were at least nine Indian children of school age living at Rayrock who were not presently in attendance at school. She also indicated that two or three of these had previously attended school and I believe you discussed with Mr. Kilgour the possibility of having these children admitted to the school.

The room which has been supplied as a classroom by the mining company is 20' x 14' and, according to approved standards, is capable of providing accommodation for only fourteen students. It is evident, therefore, that this school cannot provide accommodation for the total number of children who are resident at Rayrock.

It would appear from the statistics which Mr. Kilgour has supplied that, since Indian children constitute the majority of the school-age population at this point, a federal school should be established at Rayrock. I think, for the present at least, a one-room school would suffice. A school similar to the one constructed at Fort Rae, with an activity room, is recommended since if the enrolment increases and there is some indication that it will do so, the activity room could be used as a second classroom. It might be possible for the mining company to continue to provide accommodation for the teacher at an economical rental.

If you agree to a federal school being constructed at Rayrock, do you think that this project should be delayed until next year, or should funds be provided in the 1958-59 Federal Supplementary Estimates for this purpose?

*Decided by  
7/8/58, BGS, J.F.G.*

*B.G. Sivertz*  
B.G. Sivertz,  
Director.

# Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources

OFFICE THE DEPUTY MINISTER

TO: MR. CUNNINGHAM

DATE Feb. 6/58

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See memo Feb. 11  
from BJB

OTTAWA, February 6, 1958.

R.F. Feb. 20/58  
for reply.  
noted  
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. SIVERTZ

TEACHING OF INDIAN CHILDREN  
IN THE SCHOOL AT RAYROCK

One of the questions that arose when I was in the Northwest Territories in January was about the education of Indian children in the school at Rayrock. At present seven white children are being taught in the school but no Indian children are receiving any education. If I remember rightly, there are sixteen Indian children of families working at the mine, of whom nine are of school age. Of these, two have had some previous schooling and seven have had no schooling whatever. I talked to Mr. Parker and also to Mr. Kilgour about this question. I told Mr. Kilgour that with the space limitations in the room and the problem of taking in children who had had no previous schooling, I could sympathize with objections to taking in all the Indian children immediately. I said, however, that I thought the two children who had had some previous schooling should be taken in at once. Mr. Jacobson subsequently talked to Mr. Kilgour and I understood that Mr. Kilgour was going to look into the matter at Rayrock and let us have word.

Has anything been heard on this? If not we should follow it up.

Assuming that the two Indian children are taken in, can we do anything about the others? If we cannot do anything this year what can be done next year?



R. G. R.

# Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources

OFFICE THE DEPUTY MINISTER

TO: MR. SIVERTZ

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# RAYROCK MINES LIMITED

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*Reply Feb 26*

ALL COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMPANY

January 25th, 1958.

Mr. R. G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister,  
Dept. of Northern Affairs &  
National Resources,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

*B.7. Feb 19*  
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DEPUTY MINISTER  
FEB 3 A.M.  
Dept. of Northern Affairs  
& National Resources.

Re: Indian Education at Rayrock

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Following our recent conversation on the above subject, I conferred with Mr. W. E. Clarke, Mine Manager, on same.

At Christmas we gave the Indian children some nuts and candy and got the impression that there were quite a few resident in village. Just at the time I arrived here, the R.C.M.P. Constable from Fort Rae was in camp and kindly agreed to give us a count of the children dependent upon Indians resident here. He did so and a summary is attached to this letter.

We believe that there are a total of 39 children who would attend school here if such were available. Such a number is more than we feel that we can handle, of course, and puts the situation in a little different light.

The Department may be interested in building a school for this many children. If so, we would be glad to help in any way possible.

Yours very truly,

RAYROCK MINES LIMITED,

*R. J. Kilgour*

R. J. Kilgour,  
General Manager.

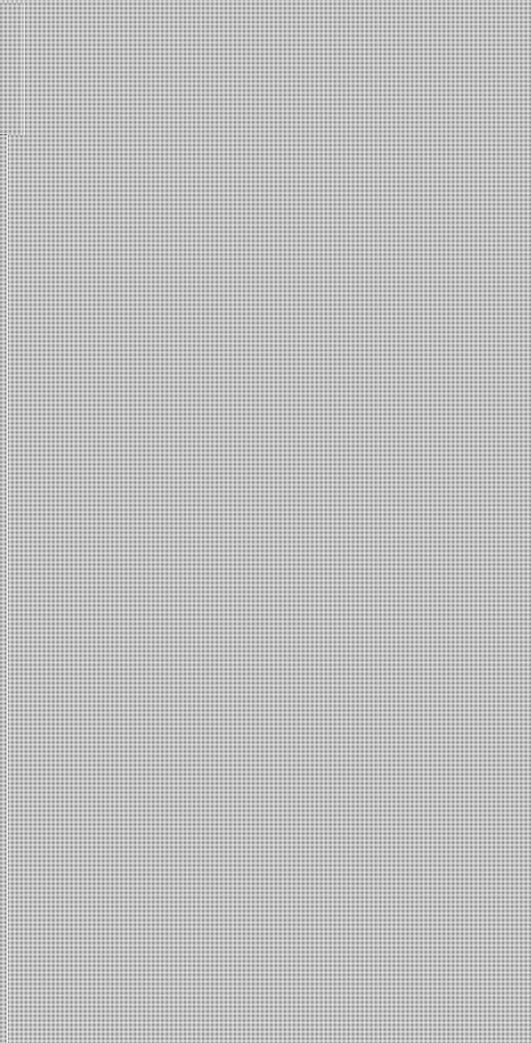
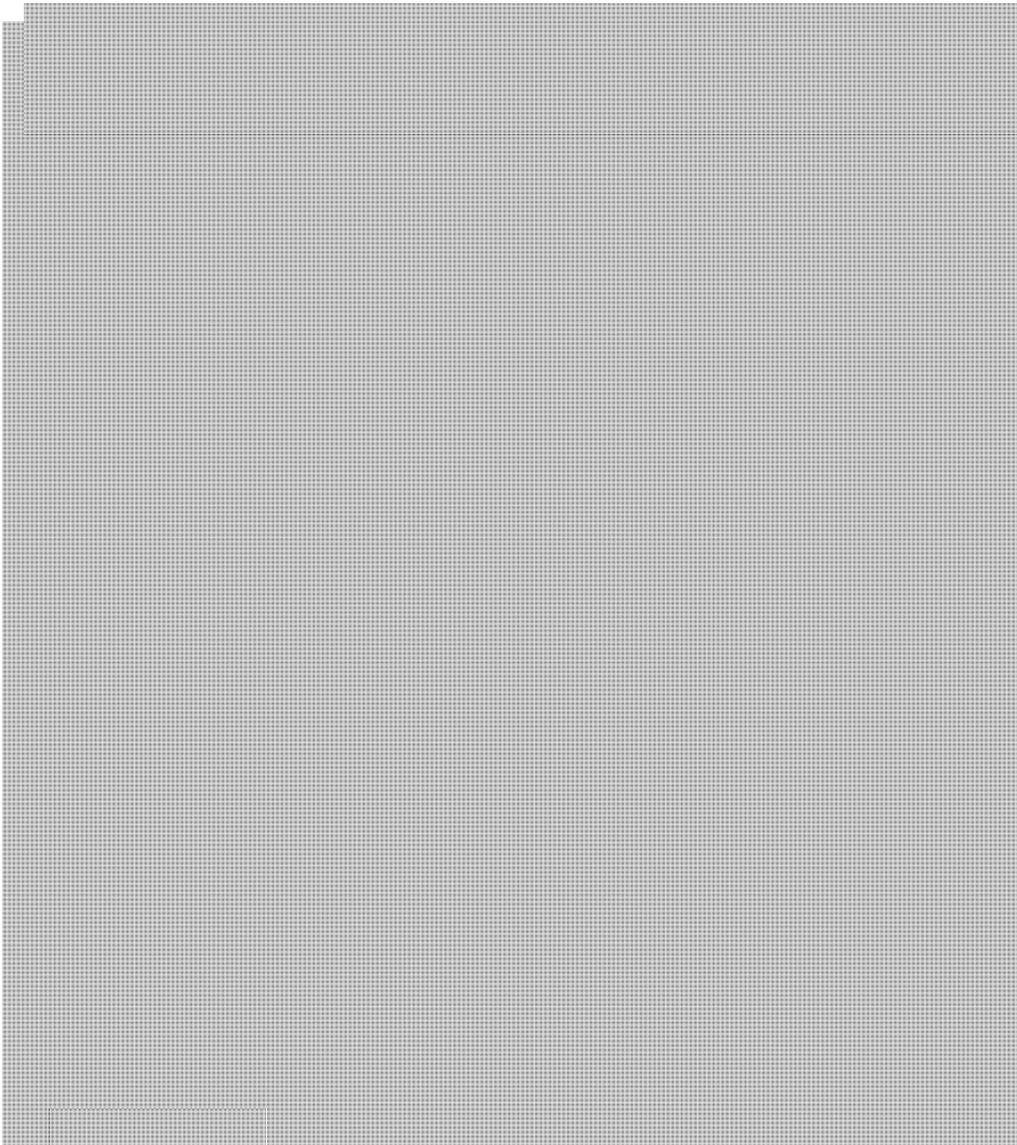
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SUMMARY OF INDIAN CHILDREN WITH PARENTS RESIDENT  
at  
RAYROCK

NAME

RESIDENT AT RAYROCK

RESIDENT ELSEWHERE



2 Boys 7 & 8 - *Yellowknife*

TOTAL 25

TOTAL 14

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