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LEADERS RESPOND TO NORTHERN PREMIERS' LETTER

January 16, 2006 – Federal party leaders have responded to the letter, written in December by Premiers Dennis Fentie (Yukon), Joseph Handley (Northwest Territories) and Paul Okalik (Nunavut), to the four federal leaders.

The northern premiers were seeking the views of the leaders on key issues of importance for Northerners.

Party leaders responses, as well as a copy of the original letter, are attached.

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