

## G.S. 'STU' BROWN - LETTER COLLECTION

The following letters are representative examples of the correspondence between "Stu" Brown and various B.C. Provincial Government officials that began on August 20, 1974.

Plant Protection Division,  
767 Sir John Carling Bldg.,  
OTTAWA, K1A 0G5

August 20, 1974.

Director of Parks,  
Department of Lands, Forests and  
Water Resources,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir:

As a former resident and active forest survey officer in British Columbia, I came to know many areas of your province very well. During forest survey work, I became interested in minerals and for several years carried a prospector's licence.

My work in Ottawa has continued to involve me in surveys in all provinces. During one such survey I took a couple of days for hiking and have discovered a very startling find. I have kept my information entirely secret because of its location and value and would like it that way until something concrete develops.

The find I estimate at a value of well over one billion dollars, probably as high as twenty. However, it is within the borders of a provincial park. Would it be possible to obtain a special permit to enter the park and remove surface samples for analysis and evaluation?

If this is to be pursued further this year, there is some urgency, as weather conditions and terrain make winter travel very difficult and dangerous. Would you please forward as soon as possible some indication of what your department might feel regarding the issuing of such a special permit. Samples could then be obtained and the matter taken from there. I realize there are many things involved but cannot see that the removal of a few surface samples for analysis could affect the value of the park. Further considerations could be weighed after the analysis and evaluation of the find.

I doubt if anyone has ever had to sit on anything like this before!

Yours truly,

G. Stuart Brown  
Supervisor, Surveys Section  
Plant Protection Division

P.S. Please reply to my home address: 2713 Norberry Crescent, Ottawa, Ont.  
K1V 6N1



FORM 3-3-7  
MAY 1974

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION  
PARKS BRANCH  
VICTORIA

Victoria, B.C.

August 29, 1974

Mr. G. Stuart Brown  
2713 Macberry Crescent,  
Ottawa, Ontario K1V 6S3

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Accordingly, we cannot approve your request.

Yours very truly,

H. H. Aleno,  
Director

  
H. Lawry,  
Chief of Management

Encl.

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PLEASE QUOTE FILE NO. 3-2-7

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R. H. Ahrens,  
Director

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Chief of Management

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November 5th, 1974.

Mr. G. Stuart Brown,  
2713 Norberry Crescent,  
OTTAWA, Ontario,  
K1V 6N3

Dear Mr. Brown:

I am writing in addition to the letter sent to you by my office secretary, Mrs. Halisheff, on October 29th in reply to your letter of October 24th.

All I can say is that the law states quite definitely that the staking of claims in parks is not allowed, and whether or not your find is valuable, you would not be able to stake a claim.

The reason I asked you for the location of the area was not to let the information out to the public, but to have some idea of the location. But since you cannot release this information, I do not think I could be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Leo T. Nimsick,  
MINISTER.

2713 Horberry Cres.,  
Ottawa, Ontario,  
September 4, 1978.

Right Honorable Wm. Bennett,  
Premier of British Columbia,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, British Columbia.

1978

Honorable Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I wrote to Mr. James Pyles, Deputy Minister of Mines and Petroleum Resources. This letter is self explanatory and his answer indicated that he intended absolutely no action in the matter.

I am writing to you, not with the hope of obtaining other than my past expenses, but with the hope that you will comprehend the significance of immediate action. I firmly believe that this is perhaps the greatest concentration of pure gold ever found in the world and it could add significantly to the wealth of the people of the province of British Columbia. As I stated in the letter it would be much better for the government to take over control and cleanly remove the gold to market than to permit the public to move in en masse and destroy the environment both there and on the way in.

I wonder how you would feel if you had waded in gold nuggets up to your ankles or had dust in quantities that you could dip a three-gallon bucket full at one dip?? I have spent a rather hectic four years sitting on this. To remove the gold need not damage more than 100 acres of an area which obviously has not been visited by anyone except me in the last 48 years and, properly handled, the scar could be completely obliterated in a few years.

As you can see by the enclosed letter I have not yet released the news to the press and hope I may have some indication from you that action can be taken on the part of your government to move forward in this matter.

Sincerely,

*G. Stuart Brown*

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2715 Norberry Cres.,  
Ottawa K1V 6P3  
January 27, 1979.

Mr James Fyles,  
Senior Deputy Minister,  
Department of Mines and Petroleum Resources,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, B. C.

1979

Dear Mr. Fyles,

Your letter of January 16 was received last week and I have been giving it considerable thought. Before answering it, however, I would like to refer briefly to an article in the November 23 Victoria Daily Times. Even though my considerable experience with members of the press over the last 20 years of my professional career left me with a very poor opinion of their desire or ability to express in print the truth of statements made during an interview, certain statements and implications in the article attributed to you were a reflection on my integrity. I certainly hope that they were not a true picture of what you gained from statements I made in your office last August. Knowing the usual article resulting from such an interview I can readily exonerate both you and Mr. Lowrey from blame for these implications. In fact, Mr. Lowrey's statements were not uncomplimentary.

I would like to make it clear, as I thought I had in your office, that I expect no advance of any money for expenses incurred until I have adequately proved to your satisfaction that this lost gold canyon does in truth exist. My request was that I have written assurance from some qualified authority in your department or the provincial government that I would receive, presumably from proceeds of the first returns, the cost of all my expenses. This was the minimum requirement, and still is, under which I will reveal the location of the site.

There are certain other requirements which I have also made which will of necessity be put on paper before this matter can proceed. As I have previously stated I am what many term an environmentalist and I will require that no attempt be made to cut a road in to the site and that extraction be confined strictly to the 300 to 400 acres involved. Transport will therefore have to be by air and no heavy equipment will be involved.

Had not a rather important family crisis developed here I would have stayed and completed what I set out to do last August. However it was imperative that I return immediately to Ottawa and I was busy here until it was too late to act before the winter weather set in.

1979

Perhaps I sound unduly irritated by the turn of events but there are many things you do not know about me and about the documented history of the lower mainland. This is the first time in my life that my word has been questioned. Others believe my statements to the degree that I have been offered \$100,000 to pinpoint on a map the location in question.

I will give the whole matter considerable thought during the next few months and will inform you if there are further developments. A trip into this country is not to be taken lightly because of the many glaciers involved and uncertain weather which can produce raging torrents in a matter of minutes. In the meantime you might reread the contents of this file and in all fairness consider if I have been unreasonable in any way.

Yours very truly,

*G. Stuart Brown*

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c.c. Mr. Ray Lowrey



Province of  
British Columbia  
OFFICE OF THE  
DEPUTY MINISTER

Ministry of  
Energy, Mines and  
Petroleum Resources

Parliament Buildings  
Victoria  
British Columbia  
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1987

August 31, 1987

Mr. G. Stuart Brown  
1420 Flemish Street  
Kelowna, British Columbia  
V1Y 3S1

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 1987, providing me with a description of your sightings of possible mining activity in Garibaldi Park.

I have requested that Mr. B. M. Dudas, Inspector of Mines and Resident Engineer in Vancouver, be made aware of these events and am, by copy of your letter and this reply, bringing the matter to the attention of Mr. M. V. Collins of the Ministry of Environment and Parks. Any future observations by you of similar activities may be reported to Mr. Dudas whose address is:

Room 103, 2747 E. Hastings Street  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
V5K 1Z8  
Telephone: 660-9363

and to

Mr. George Trachuk  
Regional Director of South Coast Region  
Ministry of Environment and Parks  
1610 Indian River Drive  
North Vancouver, British Columbia  
V7G 1L3  
Telephone: 929-1291

who are responsible for the administration of Garibaldi Park. Such action by you could assist in an immediate investigation of the matter.

Proposals regarding the opening of potential mineral deposits in the Park to explorations may be directed to Mr. Ed Macgregor, the Assistant Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources Division.



I appreciate you taking the time to report these events to me and I wish you success in your endeavours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. D. Flitton', written in a cursive style.

R. D. Flitton  
Deputy Minister

JC/gg

cc: Mr. M.V. Collins  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Parks and Outdoor Recreation  
Ministry of Environment and Parks  
Victoria, British Columbia