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Administrator  
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Dear Sir

**Re: J.T. Malange, Pension Plan Real Estate Inquiries**

With reference to your letter of July 25, 2000 in response to my registered letter to you of May 5, 2000, please be advised that I made no request for certain plan documents as your letter suggests. My letter was a request for information from the administration of our pension fund relating to a certain real estate holding of that fund, namely, the Coast Bastion Inn or Coast Bastion Hotel located in Nanaimo, B.C. As well, I requested the status of our pension plan relating to its compliance with the Pension Benefits and Standards Act of British Columbia.

My queries about the relevant real estate holding are pretty basic and in view of the fact our plan maintains a real estate investment office with a manager and staff at an expense to the membership of approximately \$500,000 per year, my queries should not be too onerous for them to answer. Your letter implies or suggests that any member seeking basic information should travel to Burnaby from wherever, to research documents you provide for answers to simple queries.

In perusing my file on this matter, it is obvious the plan, through its officers, is doing everything possible to deny me the information I seek, which suggests to me, the honest answers to my queries are embarrassing and reveal the incompetent, duplicitous Board of Trustees for what it is.

Yours truly

J.T. Malange

cc: G. Kroeker