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Letters to the Editor

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Monsieur,

Nous désirons porter à votre attention une omission sérieuse dans votre récent éditorial intitulé "Open Houses", publié sous la rubrique "Pyroclasts", *Geoscience Canada*, volume 10, numéro 3, page 135.

Nulle part dans cet article, il n'est question du Québec, alors que vous mentionnez à tour de rôle en les nommant les "Open Houses" de chacune des huit autres provinces des deux territoires et de la Commission géologique du Canada (l'île du Prince-Édouard n'en organise pas).

Nous n'osons présumer de la raison de cette omission, cependant nous vous prions de prendre note que notre quatrième séminaire d'information se déroulera à l'Hôtel Loews Le Concorde à Québec, les 23 et 24 novembre 1983. À titre de renseignement, nous avons eu trois cents participants l'an dernier.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments les meilleurs.

Le sous-ministre adjoint
Exploration géologique et minérale (Mines),

André F. Laurin

The following is the text of a letter from Dr. H.J. Greenwood, Head of the Department of Geological Sciences, University of British Columbia to Dr. Igor L. Khodakovsky of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

September 27, 1983

Dr. Igor L. Khodakovsky
Co-Chairman, International Symposium
"Thermodynamics of Mineral Formation"
Vernadsky Institute of
Geochemistry and Analytical
Chemistry, USSR Academy of Sciences
Kosygin Street—19
Moscow 117 334, USSR

Dear Professor Khodakovsky:

As you know I had intended to take part in the International Symposium "Thermodynamics of Mineral Formation" to be held within the framework of the International Geological Congress in Moscow August 1984. However, it is with considerable regret that I must write now to say that I feel I can no longer look forward to enjoying a visit to Moscow. My change of mind has been occasioned by the recent shooting down of an unarmed Korean passenger plane by Russian military aircraft.

While I realize perfectly well that this deplorable incident could not have been prevented by the scientists of the U.S.S.R. nor can they be expected to bear any of the blame, I still find that my personal revulsion at this incident is such that I can not bring myself to travel to Moscow. It is my hope that other scientists will feel similarly and that by making this feeling known to members of the Russian Scientific community some internal pressure may be brought to bear within the U.S.S.R. to prevent this kind of behaviour.

I write with regret because I had hoped to meet some of you, but I am afraid I shall not be visiting Moscow.

Yours truly,

H.J. Greenwood