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History Committee of the Friends of GSC  
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Enclosed is my report on “History of the Geological Survey of Canada in the Sedimentary Basins of Western and Northern Canada – The Proud Heritage of the Geological Survey of Canada (Calgary)”. This report is the result of my proposal of 14 April 2011 in response to a solicitation by your Committee for a contribution from GSC (Calgary) on the history of the Geological Survey of Canada.

The report highlights significant contributions of the Geological Survey of Canada to the exploration and development of the “region of interest” and the formulation of Government policies. It summarizes some of the organizations special geoscience programs and initiatives in the region, the research support infrastructure and the operational context of its work.

I appreciate the input from Roger Macqueen, Walter Nassichuk and Don Stott in improving earlier versions of the report.

I hope that you find this report useful in your deliberations on GSC’s overall contributions to the development of the nation. Copies of this report are being submitted to the Director, Geological Survey of Canada (Calgary). I would appreciate any assistance you might provide in making the report publicly accessible (e.g. Open File, WEB-accessible, etc.).

An archive of historically-significant documents was assembled during the preparation of this report and is available for those seeking more detailed information than is recorded in the report.

Let me know if I can assist further in this matter.

Regards,

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