

some direct connection between the International Company and the consignment of this nickel. Never, however, in any of our published stories was there any hint or suggestion that this was the case.

All we did was to print the exact facts relating to the shipment, in what warehouse it had been stored for a long period of time, the roundabout way in which it was taken from one point to another, and the fact that it originally came from the International people. We did not draw any connection between these facts and the charge that the International knew anything whatever of the destination of this particular shipment, and no fair-minded person reading the stories could draw any such conclusion.

Very truly yours,

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