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Attn:

ARK Animal Reruge Kansai:

Dear David:

Thank you for all the information on your Arctic fox vixen "MERCURY". It has all arrived safely.

I have got a letter from the Alberta Government saying that as soon as I get a letter from the North West Territories (NWT) or the Yukon Territory stating that they will designate a site for her release, when she is ready for release, and an import permit from Agricultutre Canada.... then all provincial permits will be issued so MERCURY can come home. This is brilliant.

The Yukon Territory government has assured us that if the NWT doesn't want MERCURY, then they will take her. The NWT has more Arctic fox territory than the Yukon, so if we can get a letter of approval from them it would be ideal as far as MERCURY is concerned. I will be in contact with them (again) next week, if I do not get a confirmed "yes" from them, then we will accept the Yukon's offer of a place for her. Agriculture Canada has sent me an import permit to fill in, they do not seem to have a problem with her import. ...so that seems O.K. (cross fingers).

Her flight by Canadian Airlines is assured. So the only hold up at present is (EASTER WEEKEND) and the letter from either the NWT or the Yukon Territory governments, which will be coming. If you can just hang on to her for a bit longer we should have everything in train fairly soon. I will fax you her flight times etc. as soon as I know them.

All the best,