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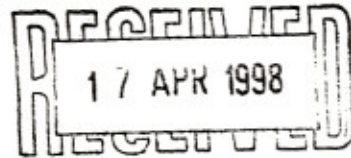
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R.R.#2 Forest Ontario  
P.O. Box 25, NORWICH  
April 9/98.

Mr. Don Elliott Q.C.  
500 Exmouth St.,  
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WATERLOO  
THROAT



Dear Mr. Elliott,

Thank you for your letter of Mar 31/98 confirming your attendance at the Apr 30th meeting 2 p.m. at the Shedford Community Centre. You will be addressing these present shortly after 2 p.m. I will give a short address and then an introduction for you. After you speak on the legal issues, I would like a question and answer period of approx. 30 minutes so those in attendance may voice some of their questions to you. I would like to emphasize the sincerity of the group in this endeavour as we must do something to try to get our lives back to normalcy. In three yrs. nothing has been resolved. If you would be more comfortable with a different format we can change it to suit you.

As recently as last Thursday our Mayor, Bill Graham, met with Ralph Shant, chief negotiator for the Federal Gov't to return the Base, several natives at the Base and from Hettle Point, Justice Reid, and Rosemarie W. They met at the Camp. To make it short, the natives threatened more violence and

blinded if the Prairie (Clearwater association) ask the  
Town this to connect our waterline down Hwy 21.  
fronting the former Military Base. At least now we  
have a reason. The natives will not allow our  
completion of the waterline until the Govt recognizes  
the natives at the Base as a Band separate from Kettle  
Point. Until this demand we will be denied  
fire safety. Since all gov't documentation proves  
Kettle & Honey Pt are only one band who happened  
to be awarded two reserve sites, we could be  
compromised forever. This is unacceptable. This  
must be unlawful for the gov't to deny necessary  
services as well as putting up with threats of  
terrorist activity on public roadway for which no  
land claim has been launched. Both the Town and  
the Prairie are allowing these threats to stall the  
work at a cost to us in interest of \$160.00  
a day since Sept 196. Since it is not our fault  
why should we be penalized for this interest as  
taxpayers?

The natives are publicly threatening to block Hwy 21  
off until the Department of National Defense pays  
none of them over \$300,000 for cleanup they've  
done at the Base.

How can they threaten to deny us quick emergency  
response from ambulances, fire trucks and police  
and get away with it. Out here the hunting could  
cost us 20 min. in an emergency. In a least  
attack or disarming this could cause a death.  
Someone at these meetings or then a lawsuit has got to

stand up and tell these ratives that threats and violent acts will lead to a complete Break off of talks and no settlement until they behave lawfully and negotiate in good faith. Unless someone does, it will never change out here. Why should it? The ratives have literally free reign. Bribery, Blackmail and using us as victims for leverage has got to stop. Issues the Board would like you to consider.

- 1.) OPP deserted this community for 3 weeks Sept 6/95 to Sept 27/95 refusing to come in for any criminal activity reported because the OPP considered themselves <sup>members</sup> targets.
- 2.) OPP will not pursue criminals onto the Base.
- 3.) Stolen items taken into the Base become a topic for negotiation on their return rather than the case being treated as theft. Charges are not laid. Restitution is not paid. Most goods if they are returned are thashed. Because the ratives responsible are not charged, no damages are awarded.
- 4.) Economy Homeowners Insurance is now charging 3x the normal premium on homes in the area whether they've had a claim or not. The reason given - Upperwest is a war zone.
- 5.) Vehicles involved in criminal activity here, if seen on the Base, are not checked out by OPP.
- 6.) Some OPP now telling residents they will not respond if another violent dispute flairs up, because the Justice System will not stand behind them.

7.) In most recent rash of vandalism and thefts one Native Nick Catledge (The famous bus driver from Sept/95) confessed. The OPP did not charge him with mischief because he promised to pay restitution. He did not to the present pay restitution to the victims. Now OPP say they cannot do anything because they didn't get his confession in writing. The fool OPP are either not acting on our behalf or are acting inappropriately because of the Criminals ethnic background. The car Mr. Catledge used to smash Mr. Kibbs Garage door and drive Steve Watson's truck Broadside across a parking lot was a white Camaro with orange stripes located by Community members on the Base and reported 2x to the OPP in Forest. It took 4 days for the OPP to act on the vandalism and the car is still at the Base 2 mos later never checked by OPP. Instead the OPP advertised for anyone in the Harris Paper seeing a white car - no make - no model - which may have been involved. This is out & out duplicity of Law. It's utter rubbish. We should not have to live like this.

See You Soon

Mary-Lou LaForte