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RR#2 Forest Ontario
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Mr. Don Elliott, QC.
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Dear Mr. Elliott,

Thank you for your letter of Mar 31/98 confirming your attendance at the Apr 26th. Meeting 2 p.m. at the Thedford Community Centre. You will be addressing those 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. 20 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 yes. 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 Brant, chief negotiator for the Federal Gov't to return the Base, several natives at the Base and from Kettle Point, Justice Reid, and Rosemarie Ur. They met at the camp. To make it short, the natives threatened more violence and bloodshed if the Province (Clean Water Association) or the town tries 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 Gov't recognized the natives at the Base as a Band separate from Kettle Point. Until this occurs we will be denied fire safety. Since all gov't documentation proves Kettle & Stoney Pt are only one band who happened to be awarded two reserve sites, we could be compromised forever. This is unconscionable. This must be unlawful for the gov't to deny necessary services as well as putting up with threats of terrorist activity on public roadways for which no land claim has been launched. Both the Town and the Province are allowing these threats to stall the work at a cost to us in interest of \$160.00 a day since Sept/96. Since it is not our fault why should we be nailed for this interest as taxpayers?

The natives are publicly threatening to block Hwy 21 off until the Department of National Defense pays some 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 re-routing could cost us 20 min. in an emergency. In a heart attack or drowning this could cause a death.

Someone at these meetings or through a lawsuit has got to stand up and tell these natives 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 natives 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 members [of] the OPP considered themselves targets.
- 2.) OPP will not pursue criminals onto the Base.
- 3.) Stolen items taken into the Base become a topic for negotiation or 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 trashed. Because the natives 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 - Ipperwash 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 flares up, because the Justice system will not stand behind them.
- 7.) In most recent rash of vandalisms and thefts one native XXXXXXXXXXXX (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. We feel OPP are either not acting on our behalf or are acting inappropriately because the criminals' ethnic background. The car Mr. XXXXXXXXXXXX used to smash Dr. XXXXXXXXXXXX garage door and drive XXXXXXXXXXXX's truck broadside across a parking lot was a white Camarro 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 till at the Base 2 months later never checked by OPP. Instead the OPP advertised for anyone in the Sarnia 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

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