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Federal Government of Canada and Indian Affairs

1) The Federal Government aware of the crime in the area of Ipperwash has continually asserted that the OPP are in charge of policing in the Province, knowing that the OPP are not policing land occupied by natives under the Fudiciary Trust of Indian Affairs.

2)Federal Government in correspondence tells us we must be patient and understanding until the base is returned to the natives well aware of the chaos in the community.

3)Federal Government has admitted that the park is included in the negotiations for the return of the base. The park is provincial land and therefore cannot be legally negotiated away by the Federal Government.

4)The Federal Government has no legislation in place to compensate innocent homeowners or tourists for any criminal offenses or losses they may incur during land disputes.

5)At Ipperwash , the Federal Government considers itself exempt from enforcing the Rule of Law.

6)The Federal Government appointed Justice Reid to be a liason between the natives, the residents and the Town in this affair. As a former Supreme Court Judge we take offense that in several instances to silence the Town he advocated remedies totally against the democratic tendering process and totally against moral ethics. He was only window dressing at a very large price to the tax payer.

7)The Province and the Municipality have said publicly many times that Indian Affairs is in Charge of all that has occurred at Ipperwash. How can this department continue with policy that is so detrimental to others who must live and work in this community. We are not allowed to be part of the solution as misinformation and disinformation have totally turned us away from trusting any level of government.

8)Under Colour of Right we have become victims. Colour of Right should never be legitimized for criminal offenses against innocent people through no fault to their own. Government was formed mainly to protect society and to make laws to do this.

Why in the case of Ipperwash are the laws not here for the innocent?

On the Federal Government Website, it states that when land is being returned to reserve status, municipal concerns must be addressed first. There must be fact sheets made public and public meetings for input. None of this has been done at Ipperwash. Everything being done or negotiated by the Federal Government has been held in strict secrecy.

9) On questioning Rosemarie Ur our Federal MP on the issues we face here, she sent me a book written by Michael Coyle, a native lawyer, on the negotiating team for the return of the base. One chapter in this book insists that harassments, threats and confrontation will occur in land disputes by First Nations and that this is JUSTIFIED. How can the government recommend and endorse a book that goes against the laws of this country? And expect us to agree and accept for 9 years the mess we have had to deal with? The book is titled ABORIGINAL ISSUES TODAY The issues I am referring to are in Chapter 4.

10) We are being traumatized for no valid reason. The Federal Government has contributed to the unrest of the First Nation in not looking at their claim efficiently over several decades. The government should not allow the victimization of a whole community when negotiations have been ongoing for 9 years and efforts are being made to appease and help the natives in this quest.

Respectfully Submitted

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