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March 19, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My wife and I have invested our life savings and built a retirement home on property that has been in my family for 59 1/2 years at West Ipperwash where we reside full time.

This is our only residence and my [redacted] year old mother lives with us. This has been her only residence for twenty (20) years.

The law suit (Land Claim) was initiated in 1992 against the property owners by the Chippewas of Kettle and Stoney Point. They are claiming the land and personally suing us for over \$200,000.00 each for trespassing on land we have paid taxes and inhabited for almost sixty (60) years. This has forced us to defend ourselves along with one hundred and seven (107) others and we have spent close to \$250,000.00 for legal fees. The Government of Canada, Town of Bosanquet, Mortgage Companies are also co-defendants.

The decision in December 1994 by the Ontario Court under Justice G. Killeen upholding the original surrender as valid has been appealed by the First Nations and we have been warned the case will probably go on for years. This will drain our retirement funds as well as the many other retirees in the area.

We have also been advised our properties are not saleable as a clear title cannot be granted and the trespassing law suit of the over \$200,000.00 is transferrable with the property and this also applies to our heirs and successors.

Mortgage Companies and Banks are reluctant to renew mortgages let alone grant a new mortgage on these properties.

Harassment and intimidation takes place on West Ipperwash Beach, causing financial and now emotional stress.

The partial occupation of the Ipperwash Army Base in May of 1993 with total forceful occupation in July 1995 with gunshots, arson and withdrawal of the military personnel further added to the turmoil of the area.

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First Nations forceful occupation of the Ontario Provincial Park and blockade of all entrances September 5, 1995 confrontation with the Ontario Provincial Police, the next day resulting in a First Nation death and injuries to police.

Fire blockades of roads and highways into the area which was our way out. Ontario Provincial Police withdraw leaving the area without proper police protection. Residents evacuated the rest are advised to vacate. Advisal to residents staying were told not to expose themselves.

Advisal by my insurance company (copy attached) that these circumstances are considered a rebellion and an insurrection therefore, no coverage for damage etc., arising from these acts. We therefore decide to stay in our residence and defend.

Acts of destruction and arson in the Provincial Park reported to be over a million dollars. Local Municipal Officials were threatened and moved to "safe houses". Tension prevails throughout the complete area.

#### JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH:

People entering the Provincial Park or on the beach, East of the Park, are accosted and told they are trespassing and ordered out.

Snowmobiles confiscated - after negotiation returned but damaged. Police put up 'do not enter' signs around the Provincial Park at residents request in order to discourage the possibility of harm to innocent people.

February 1996, a large number of homes adjacent to the Army Camp and Provincial Park were broken into and robbed. Police refused to enter Provincial Park or Army Camp. Threats are being made by First Nations that there will be more trouble in the spring with interruption of tourist visits.

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I do not believe we need to elaborate our financial or emotional stress any further, but ask for help from all branches of the Governments to bring peace and stability to this area and back into our lives.

Sincerely



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Mr. & Mrs

This is to confirm our conversation of this morning, regarding the present circumstances at Ipperwash. I have spoke to an Insurance Adjustor at Pilot Insurance in this regard and have been advised that there is no coverage for any damage or mass evacuation. This is considered a rebellion and an insurrection which specifically is excluded from coverage.

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