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JUSTICE ROBERT REID,
TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Dear Justice Reid,

I am writing today to ask you to respond to a question which has been on the minds of several members of this community for quite some time. When you first came to Bosanquet almost four years ago to speak publicly at an On.f.i.r.e. meeting, a package of correspondence was given to you to present about the hardships people had been suffering as a result of the events in the Park takeover. We have never had correspondence from you as to who you presented it to or what became of them.

I realize that this is a difficult situation but you must realize that we are living it every day. Our lives on a daily basis are not much different than when you first came down here. We are still dealing with selective policing. By this I mean that there are still situations that police response is lacking or ineffective. Especially in regards to the ethnic origin of the perpetrator. I always thought the laws of Canada applied to all who live within this Country. That is not the case in Ipperwash. This past summer harassments and threats of residents and tourists escalated to assaults and bodily harm.

It is interesting to note that the Province maintains that they do not have the authority to tell the police how to do their job. Would you mind telling me how DND has the authority to not let the OPP go on the base to investigate if criminal activity or criminals are known to be there by OPP? And could you also tell me how the Native Occupiers of the base and the park had the authority to dictate to the S.I.U. and the OPP in 1995 how and when the investigation would be allowed to proceed into the death of Dudley George. How did these natives get this kind of power to the detriment of the rest of us.

I would also like to know why it is so difficult for the government to realize that we have been financially compromised through no fault of our own in this interest debt of \$550,000.00 directly due to the delay in completion of the waterline fronting the former military base.

Millions have been paid out to build a place for negotiations for the first nations, healing funds maintenance contracts at the base and the salaries of those involved in settling the whole military base issue and yet, we as victims cannot receive one dime to relieve our financial burden.

This is grossly unfair.

The drainage reversal that was deemed an emergency due to the attitude of Kettle & Stony Point has also come in much higher than estimated. Instead of \$275,000.00 it came in at \$360,000.00. Once again residents will bear this extra burden as well even though Kettle Point is the recipient of this service. What further expense will we have down the road if the park is given over also to the natives and they don't want the drainage going through that land? I know you once wrote

me and said it was too late to help me. Is there anyone out here that you have been able to help? I lost \$70,000.00 on the sale of one of my properties out here but something had to be sold because the other alternative was declaring bankruptcy because we couldn't get tenants to rent out here. We still cannot get full bookings for summer or year round tenants out here. I just could not continue to support three homes, property taxes and utilities with no income. My home in the West Beach has not even had an offer on it and it was appraised in 1995 at \$325,000.00

It is a very depressing and demeaning situation to be in. I am 55 years old, facing retirement and have spent all my investments just to keep afloat hoping this situation would get better. We will not see a change here in my lifetime.

What the government is doing in regards to lawenforcement and privileges according to race is far more racists than anything we could come up with. A very dangerous precedent has been set regarding race and law in Ipperwash. Ipperwash has now become the prime example to natives that they can engage in violent, anti-social, militant activity, have all demands met as a result of this and while they are at it blame everyone else if one of them gets hurt.

What happened here is anarchy.

What we do not understand is how the government ever justified allowing this to happen. Could you please tell me where in the Land Claim Policy does it allow natives to overrun and occupy private or public land, whether or not there is a land claim in progress, disrupt the use of the land without benefit of a court decision over the ownership or in the case of the base without a negotiated resolution?

I await your reply.

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Sincerely

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