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The Honourable Robert F. Reid, Q.C., *President*

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28 January 2000

Dear Mrs. LaPratte,

On the 24th. I received your letter dated 17 January. This is merely to acknowledge receipt: but I will have to have more time to respond to the ten questions you ask and the many comments you make which deserve a reply.

I intend to respond in detail as best I can but I will not be able to do so until at least next week.

It may be better if I came down to discuss the points you raise, and any other points of concern, with ON f. i. r. e. members. I note that you are not writing expressly on behalf of that organization, of which I believe you are President, but you might wish to take this suggestion up with members.

The fact that I cannot expect a particularly warm reception, given your comments printed recently in the media about me, which I assume reflect the views of at least some members, should not deter me from carrying out my mandate to attempt to reconcile conflicting attitudes among groups in the region, in the hope that all may benefit from

cooperation, and It does not.

I would be glad to have your early response.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Reid', written over the printed name.

Robert F. Reid

Special Representative of the Government of Canada