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To The Editor,
Forest Standard.

Dear Sir;

This letter is in reference to the first Round Table meeting with Justice Reid in 2,000. I am frankly appalled at this man's attitude. I cannot imagine why the concerns of Town Officials and Residents of Bosanquet should be so difficult for him to convey when he has had four years to:

- A) Document the concerns
- B) Prioritize according to urgency
- C) Present possible Solutions
- D) Inform DND and Indian Affairs

In 1996 Justice Reid was given a package from residents voicing the concerns of the community. We have yet to be officially informed of whom the package was presented to or the outcome of assessment of the situation by those who may have received it. In four years it is unconscionable for him to use the stall tactic that there is a new Minister of Indian Affairs.

In four years there should be a pile of documentation sitting in Indian Affairs that all personnel there should be aware of, providing that Justice Reid has in fact been doing what we all thought he was hired to do. Perhaps we have truly been misinformed about what his real purpose is on the Round Table. I would sincerely like to know if there has been anyone other than those involved in the Round Table that Justice Reid has helped in some way since the events of Sept./95 at Ipperwash. I once received correspondence from him in the fall of 96 saying it was too late for him to help me with my problems. I feel he is here only to keep the lid on the possibility that Bosanquet Officials and Residents expect compensation from the Federal Government for several negative issues which have continued since the events of Sept/95. Who is fooling Who here? After all the man did state publicly in April/96 that he doubted that he could do anything. Well he is getting paid and doing just that.....NOTHING.

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Sincerely

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