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Dear Mr. Tsbouchi,

I thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and Mr. Beaubien in the near future. In the meantime, I am requesting some information from you. As you are probably aware, we have experienced a rash of break and enters, thefts and vandalism as well as two homes in the Port Franks area destroyed by arson from Mar. 10 to the present.

I called Staff Sargent Wade Lacroix who oversees the Lambton Detachment of the OPP. today and as a result of this conversation, I need some clarification.

Mr. Lacroix stated to me that the OPP do go on the park and the base but must ask permission to do so unless they have a warrant. This is one of the problems we are experiencing. Three warrants were issued April 20<sup>th</sup> for the arrest of three persons on the base involved in a half dozen break and enters and one of the arsons. It is my understanding that as of today one of the offenders is now in custody. I asked Mr. Lacroix why officers were refusing to go on the base and the park to pursue criminals or to exercise warrants.

He said they must go to the gate and ask permission to enter just as if it was our house. Then he said the base is not the OPP's territory. The land ownership is in limbo and has not been civilly decided. He said the land belongs to the Department of National Defense and is a Federal Army Reserve and the signs around the base still say jurisdiction of the Military Police.

I mentioned to him that several officers have said they will not go on the base. He quickly demanded their names and said he could charge them for saying this because they are telling a lie. I gave him the names and then he said he would contact each one including Tony Parkin and insinuated that I did not hear the officers correctly. Going through this for five years with several meetings with police officers and higherups I do not believe I did not hear what I heard.

He also said they have a protocol that they have to follow. He also did agree that the policing in our area is not normal as compared to other communities.

I would like to know from you WHO is responsible to police the grounds of the Ipperwash Provincial Park and the former Military Base at Ipperwash.

I will quote from Section 3(2) of the Police Services Act.

The Solicitor General Shall:

- A) Monitor police forces to ensure adequate service on a Municipal and Provincial level
- B) Monitor Boards and Police Forces to ensure they comply with the Police Standards of

Service.

In the margin notes it says that these are the Duties and Powers of the Solicitor General.  
This community needs to know Who is supposed to be Policing the Park and the Base.

c. c. Officer Lacroix

Respectfully Submitted,  
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