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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

I write to you about a situation that is festering into a confrontation that could have serious political and economically damaging consequences unless there is action taken immediately.

The northern part of my provincial riding of Lambton contains Ipperwash Army Camp and Ipperwash Provincial Park, where presently the Natives have occupied the land and denied use of the Park to our citizens. You are no doubt aware that persons have been appointed to attempt to resolve the issues to everyone's satisfaction, but once again, negotiations have stopped.

Time is running out. It is taking far too long to resolve this issue. I have complaints coming into my riding office every day from the Natives and Non-Native population regarding the lack of action on this sensitive issue.

My request is simple and to the point.

Can you not bring to the attention of the responsible officials - your Minister of Indian Affairs and Minister of National Defense - that immediate action must be taken. As a former Minister responsible for this issue, I am sure you understand the situation more completely than most. How many more lives must be lost before we act? Can you not ensure that my request and the entreaties of the constituents receive the highest priority? I am of the greatest apprehension that unless concrete action is taken immediately, there will be tragic results.

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Will you please see what can be done to resolve this issue and advise me immediately.

With every good wish and thanks,

Sincerely,

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