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August 13, 1996

Mr. Richard L. Schultz  
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Dear Sir:

I have received your letter of July 29, 1996, with respect to policing in the area commonly referred to as Camp Ipperwash.

I understand your concern and frustration regarding the unsettled environment in and around the area in question. I appreciate your suggestion intended to improve the current situation. At this time, however, I do not intend to ask the R.C.M.P. to police Camp Ipperwash.

In spite of the issues that cause concern to all parties, the O.P.P., aboriginals, and non-aboriginals, must find ways to settle their differences without violence. No one wants another tragedy such as that which occurred on September 6, 1995.

Prior to that date it was the intention of the O.P.P. to attempt a non-violent approach to policing involving both aboriginals and non-aboriginals in your area. We have not changed that intention.

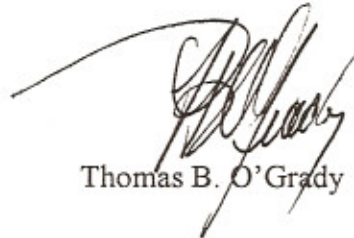
\* This approach calls for caution when dealing with property offences and appropriate upgrades if serious injury or death to anyone is likely to occur. We are investigating all reported offences, and if appropriate, bringing them to the attention of the courts. Because of the unusual environment, we are perhaps doing so a little more slowly than you might wish. I think, however, given the circumstances this is a prudent course of action.

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For the foreseeable future the O.P.P. will continue to be the police agency of jurisdiction in your area. We are working very hard to reduce tensions and establish peaceful co-existence among all residents. I thank you for your advice and support and ask for your understanding and patience. \*

Yours truly,



Thomas B. O'Grady

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cc: see attached list