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TO: ALL PTO'S
FROM: UBCIC
DATE: JULY 20, 1981
RE: INDIAN WOMEN OCCUPY DIAND BC REGIONAL OFFICE

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TO: JEAN BROWN
FROM: UBCIC, VANCOUVER
DATE: JULY 20, 1981
RE: OCCUPATION OF DIAND

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM DIA:

AT 9:15 AM TODAY (JULY 20/81) THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE DIA
WAS PARTIALLY OCCUPIED BY 30-40 INDIAN PEOPLE.

MOSTLY WOMEN WHO STATED THAT THEY DID NOT REPRESENT CHIEFS OR
COUNCIL OR ANY POLITICAL ASSOCIATION, BUT THAT THEY HAD A NUMBER
OF CONCERNS THEY REFUSED TO DISCUSS THOSE CONCERNS WITH ME.
THIS OCCUPANCY HAS CAUSED AN INTERRUPTION IN SERVICES AND HAS
THEREFORE REQUIRED ME TO CLOSE DOWN THE REGIONAL OFFICE UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.

DISTRICT OFFICES WILL STAY OPEN AND PROVIDE SERVICES AS USUAL.
SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY FOR REGIONAL STAFF TO MEET WITH BAND
COUNCILS, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DO SO AT THE DISTRICT OR RESERVE
LEVEL.

WE WILL NOTIFY YOU AS SOON AS THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN RESOLVED.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND CONSIDERATION.

SO YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT OFFICE.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE FROM

F J WALCHLI
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TO: JEAN BROWN
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RE: OCCUPATION OF DIAND

JULY 20/81 VRO 1759

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JULY 21, 1981

TO: NATIONAL INDIAN BROTHERHOOD
FROM: UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS
FOR THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN OF BC WHO ARE OCCUPYING THE BC
REGIONAL OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PLEASE RELEASE THE FOLLOWING TO THE NEWS MEDIA AND WIRE SERVICES
INCLUDING FOREIGN PRESS REPS WHO ARE IN OTTAWA TO COVER THE SUMMIT
CONFERENCE BEING HELD IN MONTE BELLO.

TOGETHER FOR ABORIGINAL RIGHTS.

RE: PRESS RELEASE

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CORRECTION: SECOND PARAGRAPH IN THE SECOND AL LAST LINE SHOULD READ
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DATE JULY 21, 1981

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QUOTE

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3END OF QUOTE

PLEASE PASS THE MESSAGE ON TO ALL THOSE OTHER BANDS IN YOUR AREA ABOUT THE MESSAGES CONTAINED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE. WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT DIA BC REGIONAL OFFICE HAS GIVEN THE INDIAN WOMEN A SULLMONS FOR AN INJUNCTION CALLING FOR THEIR VACATING THE DIA OFFICE. 008)80 PHILIP PAUL HAS GIVEN THE INDIAN WOMEN THE UBCIC'S UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT AND WE KNOW THAT THE INDIAN WOMEN WILL NEED THE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM EVERY MAN, WOMEN AND CHILD IN OUR INDIAN COMMUNITIES IN BC AND CANADA M... OPLEASE CALL THE INDIAN WOMEN AT 666-1296 9//XXX OR WE'LL PASS THE MESSAGE ON THROUGH OUR TELEX NUMBER OR 684-9XXXX 684-0231.

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ATTN: UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS
VANVCOUVER, B.C.

PRESS RELEASE BY THE WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES-
SECRETARIAT, SUITE B-844, UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE, LETHBRIDGE,
ALBERTA CANADA T1K 3M4, TEL: (403)327-7255, TELEX: 03-849357

JULY 21, 1981

THE OCCUPATION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIAN
GOVERNMENTS OF B.C. IN PROTEST OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITIONS
OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN CANADA BRINGS INTO QUESTION THE
SINCERITY OF PIERRE TRUDEAU'S INTEREST IN THE WELL-BEING OF POOR
PEOPLES. THE RECORD OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN DEALING WITH THE
POOREST OF THE POOR IN CANADA IS ATROCIOUS. THE DISCREPANCY
BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF
CANADA AND THAT OF OTHER PEOPLES PRESUMABLY SERVED BY THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE WEALTH OF UPPER NORTH
AMERICA HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE LAST 15 YEARS.

THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION OF PEOPLES IN THE 'SOUTH' ABOUT
WHICH TRUDEAU IS PRESUMABLY SO CONCERNED IS DIRECTLY RELATED
TO NON-NATIONAL PARTIES EXPLOITATION OF THE POOR PEOPLES' LAND
AND RESOURCES COUPLED WITH TRANS-NATIONAL INVESTORS' SUPPORT
AND MAINTENANCE OF REPRESSIVE AND OPPRESSIVE REGIMES.

THE SAME CONDITIONS AND REASONS FOR THESE CONDITIONS APPLY
TO THE INDIGENOUS SITUATION IN CANADA. THE GOVERNMENT OF
PIERRE TRUDEAU IS EXPLOITING INDIGENOUS LANDS AND RESOURCES
AND DENYING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES THEIR RIGHTS TO SELF-
DETERMINATION. INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE EXPLOIT-
ATION OF PEOPLES AND THEIR LANDS AND RESOURCES MUST COVER ALL
PEOPLES' RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION, PROTECTION OF THEIR
SOURCES OF LIVELIHOOD AND HOMELANDS. MR. TRUDEAU CANNOT EXPECT
TO SOLVE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IF HE IGNORES

MORE TO FOLLOW.

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TO WCIP

FROM UBCIC

DATE JULY 22, 1981

RE OCCUPATION IN DIA OFFICE IN BC

COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT NELSON SMALL LEGS SR OF THE PEIGAN NATION AND EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT THE INDIAN WOMEN THAT ARE OCCUPYING THE DIA OFFICE SUPPORT THE STRONG MESSAGES WHICH NELSON SMALL LEGS JR LEFT WITH US INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

85 IT WOULD STRENGTHEN THE INDIAN WOMEN IF THEY HEARD FROM NELSON SMALL LEGS SR BY PHONE OR BY A PERSONAL VISIT HERE IN BC.

23 WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOU AND NELSON SMALL LEGS SR CHECK OUT WHO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ALBERTA REGION WAS AT THE TIME NELSON SMALL LEGS JR LEFT US THOSE STRONG MESSAGES ABOUT DIA CORRUPTION.

0)3-3 PLEASE ASK NELSON SMALL LEGS TO CALL THE INDIAN WOMEN AT YY 69///// 604-666-1296. ALSON IF NECESSARY, GET HIM TO RELAY MESSAGES THROUGH US AT 604-684-0231. (03 HE VXXX CAN TALK TO EITHER ROSALEE OR CLIFF HANUSE (R

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN

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ATTN: MR GEORGE MANUEL

FURTHER TO MY COMMUNICATION ON MONDAY, JUL 20 RE THE OCCUPATION OF THE REG OFFICE, ATTACHED HEREWITH IS A PRESS RELEASE DISTRIBUTED BY THE INDIAN GROUP OCCUPYING THE OFFICE

YOU WILL NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE CRITICISM DIRECTED TOWARD THE DEPT THE INTEGRITY OF BAND COUNCILS AND INDIAN ORGS IS CHALLENGED.

A MEMBER OF THE UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS EXECUTIVE HAS STATED THE UNION IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE RX GROUP.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS APPLIED TO THE SUPREME COURT OF BC FOR AN INJUNCTION PREVENTING THE CONTINUED OCCUPATION OF THE PREMISES.

THE HEARING BEFORE THE COURT IS SCHEDULED FOR 2:00 PM TODAY

WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS DEVELOPMENTS OCCUR

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RE INDIAN WOMEN OCCUPATION OF DIA OFFICE IN BC

WE HAVE HEARD THAT SOMEONE FROM YOUR OFFICE NAMED BOB HAS CONTACTED THE INDIAN WOMEN IN THE BC DIA OFFICE. THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO GET YOU TO REQUEST THAT ALL THE PTO'S CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE SENT THEM A TELEX REGARDING THEIR OCCUPATION. 85 199 IT LOOKS LIKE THE MOMENTUM IS NOW OXXX PICKING UP HERE IN THE WEST. CAN YOU GET SOMEONE TO STAY ON TOP OF THE SITUATION BACK EAST. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT - WE ARE NOW WITNESSES TO HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO DO INDIAN PEOPLE WHO ARE COMMUNITY PEOPLE WHO ONLY WANT A GOOD KIFE XXX LIFE AT HOME.

0) PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS URGENT MATTER AND PUT EMPHASIS OBXXX ON THE PTO'S CONFIRMING THEIR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TELEXES FROM YOUR OFFICE AND EVEN THEIR SUPPORT.

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RE TELEXES CONCERNING INDIAN WOMEN OCCUPYING DIA OFFICE IN BC

WILL YOU PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR 2 TELEXES CONCERNING THE VERY IMPORTANT MATTER OF THE INDIAN WOMEN OCCUPYING THE DIA BC REGION OFFICE IN PROTEST OF THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THAT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL PEOPLE MUST LIVE WITH. 20- WHAT KIND OF ACTIONS HAVE YOU TAKEN AT THIS TIME?

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FR BILL FLAMAND
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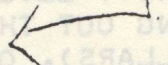
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I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THE PLEASANT TASK OF COMPILING INFORMATION AS REGARDS RESOLUTION 10 OF ITEMS PASSED AT THE FIRST NATIONS ASSEMBLY IN QUEBEC CITY THIS PAST MAY.

I WOULD THEREFORE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATE + WELCOME A CAPSULIZED REPORT FROM EACH OF YOU REGARDING AREAS OF CONCERN WHICH HAVE OR WILL HAVE SOCIAL + ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT UPON OUR PEOPLE. IT WOULD ALSO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW DIRECTLY WHAT ACTION YOU HAVE OR WILL BE TAKING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION
BILL FLAMAND

OPR... CONCERNING THE LAST MSG YOU JUST SENT US I HAVE PASSED THE MSG ON TO THE EXECUTIVE AND WILL GET BACK TO YOU ON IT SHORTLY



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TO WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

FROM UBCIC

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TO SPALLUMCHEEN INDIGENOUS/INDIAN GOVERNMENT

FROM UBCIC

DATE JULY 21, 1981

RE PRESS RELEASE BY INDIAN WOMEN
OCCUPATION OF DIA OFFICE

FOR SORRY ABOUT THE MISTAKE OF HAVING SPALLUMCHEEN'S
NAME ON THIS SAME TELEX AS YOURS I'M A BIT TIRED
AND IT IS ABOUT 3 AM NOW...CLIFF HANUSE

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END OF QUOTE

PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO ALL YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERNATIONAL WORLD COMMUNITY AND EMPHASSIZE THE MESSAGES CONTAINED IN THIS PRESS RELEASE. WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT THE DIA XXXX DIA BC REGIONAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HAS GIVEN THE INDIAN WOMEN A SUMMONS FOR AN INJUNCTION CALLING FOR THE WOMEN TO CLEAR THE DIA OFFICES.

PHILIP PAUL OUR UBCIC VICE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN THE INDIAN WOMEN THE UBCIC'S UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM XXXXX AND WE KNOW THAT THE INDIAN WOMEN WILL NEED THE UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM EVERY MAN WOMEN AND CHILD FXXX IN OUR INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE WORLD.

INCIDENTLY WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS FOR YOUR PRESS RELEASE IN SUPPORT OF THE INDIAN WOMEN WHICH YOU GAVE YESTERDAY. YOU HAVE MADE THOSE INDIAN WOMEN IN THE DIA OFFICE VERY HAPPY AS WELL AS ALL THE PEOPLE SUPPORTING THEM.

PLEASE INFORM US OF YOUR COMMENTS TO THIS VERY IMPORTANT MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE'LL DO THE SAME.

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UBCIC VCR

TO: JOHN MUNRO
MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

FROM: CHIEF SAUL TERRY
VICE-PRESIDENT
UNION OF B C INDIAN CHIEFS

DATE: JULY 23, 1981

THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA HAS JUST GRANTED (4:30 PM) AN INJUNCTION TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF CANADA TO RESTRAIN OUR ABORIGINAL WOMEN OF B C PRESENTLY OCCUPYING THE REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (THE 10TH, 11TH, 14TH, AND 15TH FLOORS) FROM CONTINUING TO REMAIN ON THOSE PREMISES. WE URGENTLY REQUEST OF YOU MR MINISTER, THAT YOU RECONSIDER YOUR REPORTED DECISION NOT TO MEET WITH THE OCCUPIERS. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT MR WALCHLI HAS OFFERED HIS SERVICES AS INTERMEDIARY, WE ARE SURE YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE INDIAN PEOPLES OF B C PLACE LITTLE OR NO CONFIDENCE IN HIM. WE ALSO IMPRESS UPON YOU, MR MINISTER, THAT WHEN CONSIDERING THE AUTHORIZATION OF ANY FURTHER ACTIONS ON THE PART OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND ITS AGENTS, YOU ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THE OCCUPIERS ARE MOSTLY WOMEN, CHILDREN AND SMALL INFANTS.

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TO: WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENEOUS PEOPLE
CENTRAL INTERIAG TRIBAL COUNCIL
NATIONAL INDIAN BROTHERHOOD
PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATIONS
PLEASE SEND TO ALL BANDS IN YOUR AREA

FROM: UNION OF B C INDIAN CHIEFS

DATE: JULY 23, 1981

THE COURT HAS JUST GRANTED AN INJUNCTION IN VANCOUVER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS TO HAVE THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN REMOVED FROM THE 15TH FLOOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

ONE OF THE TERMS IS THAT THE INJUNCTION IS NOT IN EFFECT FOR 1 HOUR AFTER SERVICE.

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TO: JOHN MUNRO
MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

FROM: ABORIGINAL WOMEN OF B C

DATE: JULY 23, 1981

WE THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN WHO ARE OCCUPYING THE B C REGIONAL OFFICES ARE WISHING NOW TO REPEAT THE STATEMENT THAT WE MADE ON JULY 21ST 1981.

THIS ORGANIZATION WAS SET UP BY A GROUP OF WOMEN WITHOUT ANY ORGANIZATIONS BACKING IT. IT WAS DONE THROUGH FRUSTRATION JUST PLAIN FED UP WITH THE WAY WE ARE TREATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, COUNCILS AND INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS. THE MONEY IS GOING EVERYWHERE BUT TO THE COMMUNITY LEVEL PEOPLE. THE PITTANCE THAT INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS DO GET THEY ARE FIGHTING OVER.

THE STAND WE ARE MAKING AS 'CONCERNED ABORIGINAL WOMEN' IS BORN FROM FRUSTRATIONS SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. THE BAND LEVEL PEOPLE HAVE SO MANY DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS WORKING ON THEIR BEHALF THAT THE SITUATIONS AT THE BAND LEVEL ARE WORSENING. THE POVERTY THAT PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING AT THE BAND LEVEL ARE CAUSED BY THE CONTROLS SET UP BY GOVERNMENT POLICIES. THESE POLICIES ARE NOT GIVEN IN THE INTERESTS OF PEOPLE BUT IN THE INTERESTS OF GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRATS. THE CUT-BACKS IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS IS FELT HARDEST BY THE BAND MEMBERS AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL. WE HAVE NO SECURITY SUCH AS THE OTHER WORKER GROUPS HAVE IN THAT WE CANNOT STRIKE TO BRING OUR STANDARD OF LIVING UP TO PAR WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THE WORKERS AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL ARE AT THE MERCY OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOLING OUT THE MONEY. OUR RESOURCES ARE NOT BEING USED TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR COMMUNITY PEOPLE AS A WHOLE BUT HELP DEVELOP CORPORATIONS OF RICH INDIVIDUALS.

FRED WALCHLI: WE WON'T TALK TO HIM BECAUSE WE DON'T TRUST HIM, BECAUSE OF THE WAY HE HAS HANDLED OTHER SITUATIONS DEALING WITH INDIANS.

- A) BANDS ARE CONTINUOUSLY WAITING FOR FUNDING FOR BAND OPERATIONS. THIS CAUSED ALOT OF FRUSTRATION BEING SUFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY PEOPLE AND WORKERS AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL.
- B) WHENEVER INDIAN PEOPLE WANT DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS STEPS IN AND FORMS AN ORGANIZATION OF ITS OWN - LIKE THE REGIONAL FORUM AND THE WAY THIS FORUM IS SET UP IS CONTRADICTORY TO WHAT WE ENVISION AS INDIAN GOVERNMENT FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL NATIONS.

DEMANDS:

- 1. WE DEMAND THE RESIGNATION OF FRED WALCHLI BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL MANNER IN WHICH HE DISPENSES FUNDS TO THE INDIAN PEOPLE. WE THEREFORE DEMAND A MEETING WITH THE MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.
- 2. WE DEMAND AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS IN THE B C REGION.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER SIGNED BY MR. WALCHLI ON WEDNESDAY, 22ND OF JULY, 1981 WHERE HE PROPOSED A MEETING WITH THE DELEGATES FROM OUR GROUP IN OTTAWA. WE WOULD LIKE A MEETING WITH YOU BUT NOT IN OTTAWA. WE WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO COME TO VANCOUVER AND YOUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE TO OUR GROUP DIRECTLY AND NOT THROUGH MR. WALCHLI. WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT MR. WALCHLI IS ONVEYING THE TRUE OFFER OF THE MINISTER OR THAT HE MAY CONVEY OUR RESPONSE CORRECTLY. BECAUSE OF OUR MISTRUST, WE CANNOT BE SURE HE WON'T MANIPULATE THE SITUATION.

THE REASONS FOR REQUESTING THAT YOU COME TO VANCOUVER ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. OUR GROUP MADE DECISIONS TOGETHER AND WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET YOU AS A GROUP.
- 2. THE GROUP IS ASKING FOR A MEETING WITH YOU TO COME TO B. C. AND SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING AT THE BAND LEVEL.
- 3. IT WOULD BE MUCH CHEAPER FOR YOU TO COME TO B. C. RATHER THAN A GROUP OF DELEGATES GOING TO OTTAWA. THE MONEY WOULD BE COMING FROM OUR ALREADY EXHAUSTED FUNDING.

YOU MAY CONTACT US DIRECTLY AT THESE NUMBERS:

604 - 666-1628
604 - 66612597

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SEND A TELEX TO OUR ATTENTION TO THE UNION OF B C INDIAN CHIEFS
04-54220

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C/O UNION OF B.C INDIAN CHIEF
440 WEST HASTINGS VANCOUVER BC

BT
WE SUPPORT THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONCERNED ABORIGINAL
WOMEN NOW OCCUPYING YOUR B.C REGIONAL OFFICE. GET RID OF
FRED WALCHLI AND MEET THE WOMEN YOURSELF SO THAT AN INQUIRY
INTO THE OPERATION OF YOUR B.C OFFICE CAN BEGIN. NATIVE
PEOPLE NEED RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, NOT A WELFARE BUREUACRACY
MICHAEL SMITH TORONTO CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
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THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN WHO ARE OCCUPYING THE B.C REGIONAL OFFICE
ARE WISHING NOW TO REPEAT THE STATEMENT THAT HE MADE ON JULY 21ST
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LAST FEW YEARS WITH THE HELP OF THE B.C INDIAN CHIEFS
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A GROUP OF DELEGATES GOING TO OTTAWA. THE MONEY WOULD BE
GOING FROM OUR ALREADY EXHAUSTED FUNDING.
YOU MAY CONTACT US DIRECTLY AT THESE NUMBERS:
604 - 684-1237
604 - 684-1238
OR
SEND A TELEX TO OUR ATTENTION TO THE UNION OF B.C INDIAN CHIEFS
04-24228

FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE WHICH WAS SENT TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU

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JULY 23, 1981

ATTN: PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

FROM: JOSE CARLOS MORALES M., PRESIDENT
WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES-SECRETARIAT
SUITE C-812
UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE
LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA CANADA T1K 3M4
TEL: (403)327-7255
TELEX: 03-849357

RE: OCCUPATION OF D.I.A. B.C. REGIONAL OFFICE BY INDIAN
WOMEN OF INDIAN GOVERNMENTS OF B.C.

THE WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FINDS IT MOST REGRETTABLE THAT THE INDIAN WOMEN OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MUST RESORT TO OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO OBTAIN RECOGNITION OF BASIC ISSUES. IT WOULD BE MORE REGRETTABLE IF A COUNTRY WITH THE INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION OF CANADA FORE SUPPORT TO POOR PEOPLES AND HUMAN RIGHTS USES COURT INJUNCTIONS AND POLICEMEN TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER INSTEAD OF MORE PEACEFUL AND REASONABLE MEANS. THE DEMANDS OF THE DEMONSTRATORS APPEAR TO BE EASILY MET AND BASED UPON MORE THAN ADEQUATE GROUNDS. THE WORLD COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES APPEALS TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD THAT REAL JUSTICE CAN STILL BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT THE POWERFUL RESORTING TO THEIR USUAL INSTRUMENTS OF OPPRESSION- THEIR LAWS AND THEIR POLICE.

C.C. MR. JOHN MUNRO
MINISTER OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS

UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS, VANCOUVER, B.C.

NATIONAL INDIAN BROTHERHOOD, OTTAWA

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THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN OF BC CARE THE UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEF
440 WEST HASTINGS ST VANCOUVER BC

BT

BE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA IS FULLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN OF BC TO ENSURE THE BEST FOR THE LIVES OF THEIR PEOPLE. NATIVE WOMEN ARE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONCERNED WITH ISSUES THAT AFFECT THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN. WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRES DOING TO RESOLVE THE EXISTING SITUATION IN VANCOUVER? WHAT IS BEING DONE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE ELDERS, WOMEN AND CHILDREN INVOLVED? WE AWAIT YOUR RESPONSE.

JANE GOTTFRIEDSON PRESIDENT NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CDA

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C.C. MR. JOHN MUNRO
MINISTER OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS
UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS, VANCOUVER, B.C.
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EDMONTON. WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN DEMANDS THAT
THE MINISTER RESPOND IMMEDIATELY TO THE JUSTIFIED DEMANDS OF THE
CONCERNED ABORIGINAL WOMEN THAT HAVE OCCUPIED THE OFFICES OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS IN VANCOUVER UNTIL YESTERDAY AND WE STRONGLY
PROTEST THEIR ARREST.

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WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 437-6998

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ABORIGINAL WOMEN OF BRITISH COLUMBIA C/O UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
INDIAN CHIEFS, 440 WEST HASTINGS VANCOUVER B.C.

BT
WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE FULLY SUPPORT THE ACTION YOU ARE
TAKING. WE SHARE YOUR BELIEFS THAT THIS IS NECESSARY. WE ARE TRULY
PROUD OF YOU AND WISH YOU PEACE AND STRENGTH.

IN SISTERHOOD
NATIVE WOMENS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

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ATTENTION STAFF

THE LYTTON INDIAN BAND HAS ASKED US TO SEND YOU A COPY OF THE
TELEX THAT WE SENT TO JOHN MUNRO ON THEIR BEHALF. THE TELEX
READS

JOHN MUNRO
MIN OF IND AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE OCCUPATION OF THE DIA REGIONAL OFFICE
IN VANCOUVER BY OUR NATIVE WOMEN IN B. CM.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO MEET WITH THEM, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS
WE DO NOT WISH TO HAVE ANY OF OUR ELDER WOMEN HURT IN ANY WAY BY
THE ACTIONS OF THE DIA IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO HAVE THEM REMOVED FROM
THEIR OCCUPATION OF THE DIA REG OFF IN VAN B C.

SIGNED

CHIEF NATHAN SPINKS
LYTTON INDIAN BAND

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COPY OF TELEX TO JOHN MUNRO FOLLOWS

THE HON JOHN MUNRO
MIN IND AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

DEAR MR MUNRO

RE ADDENDUM TO PREVIOUS TELEX

THE REG DIR HAS GONE TO COURT TO GET A CONTEMPT OF COURT
RULING AGAINST OUR ABORIGINAL WOMEN OCCUPYING THE DIA REG OFFICE.

WE DEMAND THAT YOU INSTRUCT MR WALCHLI TO RESCIND OR WITHDRAW
HIS APPLICATION FOR ANY SUCH ORDER AND THAT YOU ALSO INSTRUCT
HIM TO CEASE ANY FURTHER COURTS ACTIONS AGAINST OUR WOMEN.

SIGNED

SAUL TERRY CHAIRMAN
CITC

DON MOSES, ADMIND
CITC

COPHIE PIEREE
KIAC

SAM BAPTISTE
OTC

JOHN LEO
LTC

NATHAN SPINKS
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THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A TELEX WE SENT TO JOHN MUNRO

THE HONOURABLE JOHN MUNRO
MIN OF IND AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

DEAR MR MUNRO

THE CITC FULLY SUPPORTS THE ACTION OF OUR
OCCUPYING THE REG OFFICE OF DIA.

WE VENERABLY PROTEST ANY EFFORT ON THE PART OF FRED WALCHLI
SECURE A COURT INJUNCTION AGAINST THE WOMEN TXXX OR TO HAVE
THEM REMOVED BY PHYSICAL FORCE.

WE ASK YOU TO PERSONALLY INTERCEDE TO PREVENT
OUR CHILDREN, OUR YOUNG WOMEN, OUR MOTHERS AND OUR GRANDMOTHERS
WHO HAVE LAID THEIR BRIBES AND DEMANDS AT THE FEET OF THE
MAN WHO IS MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF INDIAN SCHOOLS
IN THIS PROVINCE.

IN THIS PROVINCE

WE HAVE CONSTANTLY FORWARDED LETTERS
THE REG DIR HAS GONE TO COURT TO GET A CONTEMPT OF COURT
RULING AGAINST OUR ABORIGINAL WOMEN OCCUPYING THE DIA REG OFFICE.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE WILL BE FORCED TO ALLIATE
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HIS APPLICATION FOR ANY SUCH ORDER AND THAT YOU ALSO INSTRUCT
HIM TO CEASE ANY FURTHER COURTS ACTIONS AGAINST OUR WOMEN.

WE DEMAND THAT FRED WALCHLI BE REMOVED FROM HIS OFFICE.
REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

WE DEMAND THAT THERE BE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE OPERATIONS
OF THE REGIONAL AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF

FINALLY WE ASK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO MEET WITH THE CITC AS SOON
POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS OUR SEVERE CONCERNS. BUT FIRST WE

TRUST YOU WILL ACT RESPONSIBLY AND QUICKLY
WOMEN PROTESTING ON THE BEHALF OF ALL B.C. INDIANS TO
HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS.

A RESPONSE TO THIS TELEX AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

SIGNED

SAUL TERRY, CHAIRMAN
CITC

DON MOSES, ADMINISTRATOR
CITC

COPHIE PIEREE
KOOTENAY INDIAN AREA COUNCIL

SAM BAPTISTE
OKANAGAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

JOHN LEO
LILLOOET TRIBAL COUNCIL

NATHAN SPINKS
NEKAPIN NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

SHUSwap NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

END OF OUR TELEX TO MUNRO

CITC KAM

JULY 24 1981

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THE HONOURABLE JOHN MUNRO
MIN OF IND AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

DEAR MR MUNRO

THE CITC FULLY SUPPORTS THE ACTION OF OUR ABORIGINAL WOMEN IN OCCUPYING THE REG OFFICE OF DIA.

WE VEHEMENTLY PROTEST ANY EFFORT ON THE PART OF FRED WACHLI TO SECURE A COURT INJUNCTION AGAINST THE WOMEN TXXX OR TO HAVE THEM REMOVED BY PHYSICAL FORCE.

WE ASK YOU TO PERSONALLY INTERCEDE TO PREVENT ANY HARM TO OUR CHILDREN, OUR YOUNG WOMEN, OUR MOTHERS AND OUR GRANDMOTHERS WHO HAVE LAID THEIR GRIEVANCES AND DEMANDS AT THE FEET OF THE MAN WHO IS MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDITION OF INDIAN PEOPLE IN THIS PROVINCE.

WE HAVE CONSTANTLY TOLD YOU BY LETTER AND TELEX OF OUR GRIEVANCES AND YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO IGNORE THEM.

WE ARE TELLING YOU NOW THAT UNLESS YOU MOVE QUICKLY TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEMS FACING US THEN WE WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION.

WE TOTALLY SUPPORT AND ARE IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE DEMANDS OF OUR WOMEN IN THE REGIONAL OFFICE.

WE DEMAND THAT FRED WALCHLI BE REMOVED FROM HIS OFFICE, AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR.

WE DEMAND THAT THERE BE AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE OPERATIONS OF THE REGIONAL AND DISTRICT OFFICES OF DIA IN B C.

FINALLY, WE ASK YOU ONCE AGAIN TO MEET WITH THE CITC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS OUR SEVERE CONCERNS. BUT FIRST, WE TRUST YOU WILL ACT RESPONSIBLY AND QUICKLY AND MEET WITH OUR WOMEN, PROTESTING ON THE BEHALF OF ALL B C INDIANS, TO HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THEIR CONCERNS.

A RESPONSE TO THIS TELEX, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

SIGNED

SAUL TERRY, CHAIRMAN
CITC

DON MOSES., ADMINISTRATOR
CITC

SOPHIE PIERRE
KOOTENAY INDIAN AREA COUNCIL

SAM BAPTISTE
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NATHAN SPINKS
NLAKEPXM NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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END OF OUR TELEX TO MUNRO

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TERRY WILLIAMS

CARE DEPT INDIAN AFFAIRS 15TH FLOOR 700 W GEORGIA ST VANCOUVER BC

BT

WE THE CARRIER INDIAN WOMEN ADMIRE AND SUPPORT YOUR STAFF
AGAINST THE IMPROPER CONDITION ON INDIAN RESERVE BECAUSE
WE ARE NOT INFORMED BY YOU AND WE COULD NOT BE PRESENT DUE TO THE
DELAYING IN DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FUNDING TO COVER TRAVEL
WE PRAY AND HOPE FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME ON YOUR
RIGHTEOUS DEMONSTRATION OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU THANK YOU FOR
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR COURAGEOUS RIGHTS FOR INDIAN RIGHTS.

THANK YOU

HELEN JONES

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FRED WALCHLI REGIONAL DIRECTOR GENL DEPT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

HOTEL VANCOUVER VANCOUVER BC

BT

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A WIPE GOING TO CONCERNED ABORIGINAL
WOMENS GROUP

BY RESOLUTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT AN ASSEMBLY OF THE SHUSWAP
NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL UNCCNDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR PRESENT
ACTIVITIES AND FINAL DEMANDS AS YOU OCCUPY THE REGIONAL OFFICES
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WAS DECLAPED AND WE CONVEY
THIS MESSAGE TO YOU BY TELEGRAM. SUCH SUPPORT WOULD INCLUDE
IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST ANY ILL TREATMENT OR VIOLENCE TOWARDS
YOU WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR ENDEAVOURS AND A SAFE JOURNEY HOME
SHUSWAP NATION TRIBAL COUNCIL

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TO GEORGE MANUEL. PRESIDENT
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FR EUGENE STEINHAUER. PRESIDENT
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JULY 24/81

PLEASE PASS THIS TLX TO THE INDIAN WOMEN WHO HAVE OCCUPIED THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF DIA IN VAN. THE IAA ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE TLX THAT EXPRESSES SO CLEARLY YOUR DEEP SENSE OF FRUSTRATION BEING FELT BECAUSE OF THE MANY COMPLEX BLOCKS THAT ARE HOLDING UP INDIAN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ERODING INDIAN RIGHTS. THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA CONTINUES TO FOCUS HIS ATTENTION ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHILE THE INTERNAL MATTERS OF CANADA ARE BEING NEGLECTED. HOW CAN INDIAN GOVERNMENTS EVEN FUNCTION WHEN THERE IS NO MAIL SERVICE FOR 3 WEEKS? HOW CAN THE MINISTER OF DIA FULFILL HIS OBLIGATIONS AS TRUSTEE FOR INDIANS WHEN HIS GOVERNMENT CANNOT MANAGE THE DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF CANADA? TEN MILLION DOLLARS HAVE BEEN SPENT ON HOLDING AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE HOSTED BY PM TRUDEAU. THEIR OPENING REMARKS WERE THAT THEY BELIEVED THEY COULD NOT RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES. IF SO, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF P TRUDEAU SPENT HIS TIME ON INDIAN LAND CLAIMS AND DEVELOPMENT, THE REFUGEES WHO HAVE COME FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA ARE OFTEN GETTING GREATER OPPORTUNITIES THAN THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN WHAT IS NOW CANADA. IS THAT JUSTICE? WE MUST TELL THE PUBLIC HOW WE FEEL ABOUT IT. WHY SHOULD THERE BE A SHORTAGE OF FUNDS TO MEET THE INDIAN OBLIGATIONS WHEN TEN MILLION DOLLARS CAN BE SQUANDERED FOR A MTG THAT PRODUCES NOTHING BUT IDLE DISCUSSION IN AN ENVIRONMENT OF LUXURY? HELENE GLADUE, EXEC SEC, OF THIS ORGANIZATION ESPECIALLY SHARES YOUR VALID CONCERNS. SHE SAYS THAT IN NORTHEAST ALBERTA INDIAN PEOPLE ARE STILL GETTING THEIR WATER FROM DUG OUTS AND USING OUTDOOR TOILETS WHILE ALL AROUND THEM THERE IS THE AFFLUENCE OF OIL, GAS AND OIL SANDS DEVELOPMENTS. IN THE SAME AREAS THERE IS STILL HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG OUR PEOPLE WHILE INDUSTRIES BRING SKILLED AND UNSKILLED WORKERS FOR OTHER PARTS OF CANADA AND THE WORLD. WHILE WE SUPPORT FULLY YOUR DETERMINATION TO PROTEST THE IAA FEELS COMPASSION FOR RESERVE CHIEFS AND COUNCILS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO ACCOMPLISH SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGARDLESS OF THE CONFUSION AND INTIMIDATION CAUSED BY DIAND AND THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. OUR RESERVE LEADERS ARE BEING FORCED TO FIGHT ON MANY FRONTS AT THE SAME TIME WHILE STILL CARING FOR THE PEOPLES NEEDS AND INTERESTS. WE SHARE YOUR BELIEF THAT DIAND ARE INSENSITIVE, CLUMSY AND SUBVERSIVE IN THE WAY THEY RUN THEIR DEPARTMENT. UB EASTERN ALBERTA SEVEN OF OUR CHIEFS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PLAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE OIL SANDS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. LIFTING THE HOPES OF THEIR PEOPLE IN THE PROCESS. THEN ALL WITHOUT WARNING, ESSO RESOURCES DECIDED TO SHELVE THEIR PROJECT LEAVING OUR INDIAN GOVERNMENTS IN THAT AREA WITHOUT BENEFITS. IN THIS PROVINCE DIAND HIRED A CONSULTANT TWO YEARS AGO TO BUILD A CASE TO FORCE OUR RESERVES TO SPEND THEIR OWN FUNDS ON DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS. THE CHIEFS IN ALBERTA REJECT THAT POLICY BUT THROUGH QUESTIONABLE MANIPULATIONS DIAND ARE STILL TRYING TO IMPOSE THAT POLICY. THE SAME CONSULTANT HAS BEEN GIVEN ANOTHER CONTRACT OVER OUR PROTESTS. THE IAA SUGGESTS THAT YOU PUSH FOR AN ENQUIRY INTO DIA ADMINISTRATION JUST AS THE INDIAN WOMEN IN WHAT IS NOW ALBERTA DID IN 1976. WE DO NOT THINK IT HELPS OUR OVERALL SITUATION TO LEVEL CRITICISM AT THE INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE AT THIS TIME IN THE MIDDLE OF A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE OVER INDIAN RIGHTS BECAUSE OF THE DANGER OF NEGATIVE EFFECTS COMING THROUGH PATRIATION OF THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF CANADA. WE DO NOT THINK THAT WE SHOULD FALL FOR ANY DIVIDE AND CONQUER TACTICS OF THE DIAND. THE MATTER OF REMOVAL OF FRED WACHLI AS REGIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL IS SOMETHING THAT ONLY YOUR GROUPS IN WHAT IS NOW BC CAN RESOLVE. SOME INDIANS FROM ALTA ARE NOW IN VAN TO LEND THEIR SUPPORT. WE ARE GOING TO ASK THE MEDIA IN ALTA TO PUBLICIZE YOUR SITUATION. KEEP UP YOUR PROTEST FOR INDIAN RIGHT AND BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS.

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VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL WOMEN OF BC CC CHIEF NATHAN SPINKS ,
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEX DATED JULY 23 TO MR. MUNRO.
RE THE SIT-IN IN THE B.C. REGIONAL OFFICE.

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT I WILL BRING THIS MATTER TO THE
MINISTER'S ATTENTION AND YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A REPLY
IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WILL
BE SUITABLE TO ALL CONCERNED.

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JULY 29, 1981

TO: UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS
FROM: INDIAN WOMENS COUNCIL OF MANITOBA WINIPEG

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TELEX RECEIVED BY OUR OFFICE REGARDING THE
OCCUPATION OF DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS OFFICE BY THE INDIAN WOMEN
IN VANCOUVER.

THE WOMENS COUNCIL OF MANITOBA BELIEVE THEIR DEMANDS ARE
REASONABLE AND HOPETHATXXX HOPE THAT PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE
RESOLVED.

THE WHOLE CAUSE REFLECTS THE BUREAUCRATIC INSENSITIVITY AND LACK
OF RECOGNITION FOR INDIAN GOVERNMENT.

WE REGRET THAT IS THE EXTENT OF OUR SUPPORT, AS WE ARE A NEWLY
FORMED ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE FOUR NATIONS CONFEDERACY AND WE ARE
LIMITED TO OUR ACTIVITIES PRESENTLY.

WE SINCERELY HOPE YOU CAN GENERATE MORE SUPPORT FROM OTHER CONCERNED
ORGANIZATIONS.

YUXX YOURS IN SISTERHOOD,
MARJORIE NABESS

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TO: NATIONAL INDIAN BROTHERHOOD
FROM: GORDON PETERS, PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATION OF INDIANS AND ALLIED INDIANS
RE: OCCUPATION OF B.C. - DEPT. OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
DATE: JULY 29, 1981

WE ARE AWARE OF THIS SITUATION IN VANCOUVER AND LIKE RESTIGOUCHI
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT DEL RILEY AND SIKES PONDERRACE ATTEND THE
OCCUPATION TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD AND SHOW OF UNITY TO
DRAW TO LIGHT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF INDIANS IN CANADA.

ALSO, ONLY APPROPRIATE BEING TAKEN IN ORDER TO
ESTABLISH THIS AS A NATIONAL ISSUE.

GORDON PETERS
PRESIDENT
ASSOCIATION OF INDIANS AND ALLIED INDIANS

PLEASE YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE DEMANDS AND FOR YOUR FUTURE
SOLIDARITY VANCOUVER WITH US.

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JULY 24, 1981

TO: HON. JOHN MUNRO
MINISTER OF DIA
FROM: GORDON PETERS, PRESIDENT
ASSOCIATION OF IROQUOIS AND ALLIED INDIANS
RE: OCCUPATION OF B.C. REGIONAL OFFICE

WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT AN OCCUPATION OF REGIONAL OFFICE
-DIA - B.C. IS PRESENTLY IN PROCESS TO PROTEST AGAINST CURRENT
ECONOMIC SITUATION OF INDIAN PEOPLE.

WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT NO FORCE BE USED IN THE DISBURSEMENT
OF THIS OCCUPATION AND THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY TRAVEL TO VANCOUVER
TO ADDRESS THE DEMANDS OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF B.C.

WE STAND UNITED WITH THE ECONOMIC CONCERNS THAT THESE PEOPLE
HAVE AND ANY RESOLUTION WOULD NEED TO BE ADDRESSED ON A NATIONAL
BASIS.

WE NEED NOT REMIND YOU OF YOUR TRUST RESPONSIBILITY AS DULY
SWORN TO.

GORDON PETERS
PRESIDENT

CC: AIAI
UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIAN CHIEFS
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TO: NATIONAL INDIAN BROTHERHOOD
FROM: GORDON PETERS, PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATION OF IROQUOIS AND
ALLIED INDIANS
RE: OCCUPATION OF B.C. - DIA REGIONAL OFFICE
DATE: JULY 24, 1981

WE ARE AWARE OF THIS SITUATION IN BC AND LIKE RESTIGOUCHE
IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT DEL RILEY AND SYKES POWDERFACE ATTEND THE
OCCUPATION TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL EXPOSURE AND SHOW OF UNITY TO
DRAW TO LIGHT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF INDIANS IN CANADA.

ALSO, ONLY APPROPRIATE STAFF SHOULD BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO
ESTABLISH THIS AS A NATIONAL ISSUE.

GORDON PETERS
PRESIDENT
ASSOCIATION OF IROQUOIS AND ALLIED INDIANS

CC: UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIAN CHIEFS

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JULY 23, 1981

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

5:30 P.M.

FROM THE UNION OF B C INDIAN CHIEFS

THE UNION OF B C INDIAN CHIEFS CONTINUES TO FULLY SUPPORT THE ACTIONS OF THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN OCCUPYING THE FIFTEENTH FLOOR OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.

SAUL TERRY, A VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF CHIEFS, SAYS, "THE WOMEN, CHILDREN AND BABIES, THROUGH THEIR RECENT ACTIONS, ARE COURAGEOUSLY SAYING THAT FEDERAL REGIONAL GOVERNMENT MIS-MANAGEMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS MUST STOP, AND THEY ARE CONTINUING TO SEEK WHAT IS THEIRS: FAIR TREATMENT. THE OCCUPATION OF THE INDIAN AFFAIRS OFFICES IS A DECISION AND A MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE UNDER DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS WHICH EXIST BECAUSE OF BAD PROCEDURES OF POLICY PRACTICED BY THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, SUCH AS DELAYING ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR SUCH BASIC HUMAN NECESSITIES AS HOUSING, SEWAGE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS."

MR. TERRY, WHO IS ALSO CHIEF OF THE BRIDGE RIVER BAND, SAYS, "THIS OCCUPATION IS THE ACTION OF COMMUNITY PEOPLE WHO CAN NO LONGER TOLERATE THE INJUSTICE OF THE REGIONAL INDIAN AFFAIRS BUREAUCRACY. THEY ARE STANDING TALL AS INDIAN WOMEN AND AS PART OF OUR INDIAN TRIBES OF OUR INDIAN NATION, AND WE, THE UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA INDIAN CHIEFS, STAND FIRMLY WITH THEM."

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JULY 24/81 2:00 AM

TO: ALL PTO
FROM: CHIEF SAUL TERRY, VICE PRES UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS

RE: CONCERNED ABORIGINAL WOMEN SERVED DIA INJUNCTION PAPERS ABOUT 7 SHERRIFFS A 7:55 PM TRIED TO HAND OUT INDIVIDUAL EVICTION PAPERS TO THE OVER 100 CONCERNED ABORIGINAL WOMEN WHICH ORDERED THEM TO LEAVE THE DIA BC REGIONAL OFFICES BY 8:55 PM THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN REFUSE TO LEAVE THE DIA OFFICES UNTIL THEIR DEMANDS ARE MET BY THE MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS. THERE WAS SOME PUSHING AND SHOVING WHICH OCCURRED AND THE NEXT STEP IS THAT THE POLICE ARE NOW ABLE TO COME IN AND FORCIBLY REMOVE OUR PEOPLE FROM THE 15TH FLOOR.

WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU SUPPORT OUR ABORIGINAL WOMEN BY WORKING TO GET NATIONAL COVERAGE OR OCUPYING DIA OFFICES IN YOUR AREA.

IT WAS SECURITY WHICH INITIATED THE PUSHING AND SHOVING THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN AND THOSE WHO ARE SUPPORTING THEM IN THE OFFICE DEMONSTRATED STRINGTH AND REFUSED TO BE MOVED.

THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR GENERAL DID NOT SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT FOR HIS " ONE-SIDED " INJUNCTION COURT CASE. THREEE TIMES HE HAS NOT DILIVERED HIS SUMMONS PAPERS. THE ABORIGINAL WOMEN SAY " MR FRED WALCHLI AND THE MINISTER ARE NOT MEN ENOUGH TO DELIVER THEIR OWN MESSAGES".

WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IMMEDIATLY IF YOU HAVE TAKEN ACTION IN SUPPORT OF OUR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

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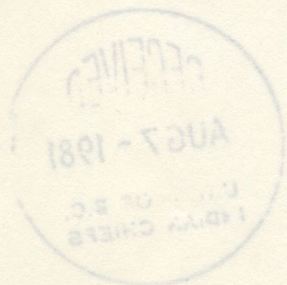
CONCERNED ABORIGINAL WOMEN C/O UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS
440 W. HASTINGS ST. VANCOUVER B.C.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT THE HON JOHN MUNRO - QUOTE
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AGAINST RACISM SUPPORTS THE JUST DEMANDS
OF THE 100 QUOTE CONCERNED ABORIGINAL WOMEN UNQUOTE WHO HAVE
OCCUPIED THE B.C. REGIONAL D.I.A. OFFICE:

RESIGNATION OF FRED WALCHLI, YOUR MEETING WITH THE QUOTE
CONCERNED ABORIGINAL WOMEN UNQUOTE, AND AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY
INTO ACTIVITIES OF D.I.A. IN THE B.C. REGION.

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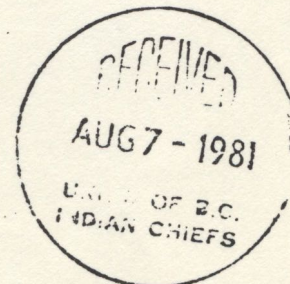
WE SUPPORT THE CONCERNED ONE HUNDRED ABORIGINAL WOMEN OF B.C.'S STRUGGLE AND WE DEMAND 1) DROP THE CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THEM. GIVEN THE NATURE OF RACIST AND NATIONAL OPPRESSION THE NATIVE PEOPLE FACE THEY HAVE NO OTHER RECOURSE EXCEPT TO AGGRESSIVELY PUT FORTH THEIR DEMANDS. 2) A FULL INDEPENDENT PUBLIC INQUIRY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATION IN B.C. REGION. 3) WE DEMAND THE GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY RECOGNISE THE RIGHT OF NATIVE PEOPLE TO GOVERN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS. 4) THAT THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLY ADEQUATE FUNDING TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN ECONOMIC BASE. 5) HON. JOHN MUNRO MINISTER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS VISIT THE INDIAN RESERVES TO DISCOVER THE REAL CONDITION NATIVE PEOPLE LIVE IN.

CHARAN GILL PRESIDENT

B.C. ORGANIZATION TO FIGHT RACISM

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text of telegram from Margaret Mitchell to John Munro

THE CONCERNED ABORIGINAL WOMEN RAISED MANY URGENT CONCERNS WHILE OCCUPYING THE DIA OFFICES, THESE SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED. WILL YOU PLEASE INFORM MY OFFICE OF THE DATE WHICH YOU INTEND TO BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION INTO THEIR COMPLAINTS AND WHEN YOU PLAN TO COME TO VANCOUVER TO HEAR THESE WOMEN FIRST HAND.

AS A CONCERNED M.P. I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO PARTICIPATE WHEN VISITS TO RESERVES ARE ARRANGED.

I URGE YOU TO LISTEN TO SEN. PERRAULT AND TAKE POSITIVE ACTION ON THE MANY CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THESE WOMEN AND THE MANY INJUSTICES FACING ABORIGINAL WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SIGNED MARGARET MITCHELL M.P.

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SIGNED MARGARET MITCHELL M.P.

PRESS GANG PUBLISHERS

603 Powell St. Vancouver B.C. V6A 1H2 (604)253-1224

July 29, 1981

To the 100 Aboriginal Women,

Press Gang, a member of the B.C. Federation of Women, is a feminist printing and publishing collective committed to the struggle against racism, sexism, and capitalism. We are here to support the 100 Aboriginal Women in your fight for the liberation of your people. We know that native people have suffered from a racist system which has stolen your land and attempted to destroy your values, culture and your existence. We recognize your right to govern yourselves as a free and independent people.

In your struggle to confront these injustices you have our full support and respect for your courage and honour. We pledge support in your demands for 1) The resignation of Fred Walchli as Director General.

2) A full scale, independent public inquiry into the Dept. of Indian Affairs, B.C.

3) A meeting with John Munro, Minister of Indian Affairs, to be held in B.C.

In Solidarity,
the Press Gang Collective.

Charles

RAPE RELIEF
4-45 Kingsway
Vancouver, B.C., Canada
business: 872-8212

July 22, 1981

We, the women of Vancouver Rape Relief, an active women's group within the Canadian women's movement, send you messages of encouragement and support for your courageous action.

We support your fight for safe and appropriate housing for yourselves and all Indian people that meets the needs of your families and not the needs of the Dept. of Indian Affairs.

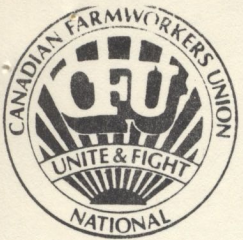
As non Indian women, we know that we can't join you, but there may be ways that we can be useful to you from the outside. What we have to offer you is food, a 24 hour crisis line - 732-1613 - where we can be reached. We are very open to other requests that you may have of us. Please let us know the ways in which we can be useful to you during your current occupation and in your continuing fight for self determination.

Vancouver Rape Relief women

In Solidarity,

the Press Gang Collective.

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CANADIAN FARMWORKERS UNION

707 SIXTH STREET BURNABY B.C. V3N 3M9 TEL (604) 521-1877
4730 Imperial St., Burnaby, B.C. 430-6055

July 29, 1981

Dear Sisters;

Thousands of farmworkers across Canada fully support your protest against squalid conditions on reserves, a reduction in government funds and the treatment by government representatives.

Millions of dollars allocated by the federal government "supposedly" to help people on reserves, are finished by the bureaucratic mess before they get to the real people. And as a result there is no change in conditions on reserves.

It is a clearcut case of discrimination because the government is not paying full attention to your just demands. You must fight this. And I want to assure you that you are not alone in your fight.

Lots of racism is going on these days in Canada, and minorities are the main target. About a week ago a native brother died in a Langley hospital. We suspect that he didn't get proper treatment. We demand that there should be an independent inquiry into this case.

Sisters: once again we fully support your just demands to have an independent inquiry into the D.I.A. as well as your demand for a meeting with the Indian Affairs Minister, John Munro.

Struggle of our Native Indian sisters, Zindabad (long live).

Raj Chouhan

Raj Chouhan, President, C.F.U.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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MARGARET MITCHELL, M.P.
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Dear Sisters;

Terry Williams,
Concerned Aboriginal Women,
440 W. Hastings St.,
Vancouver, B.C.

August 4, 1981

Dear sisters,

I want to congratulate you on the courageous protest you made during the occupation of the Indian Affairs offices. You accomplished a great deal in making the public, if not the Minister, aware that changes must be made. Your solidarity and your non-violent, passive resistance when the police ended the occupation was very impressive.

Although you have not yet won your specific demands I know from comments many people have made that you have had considerable impact. N.D.P. Members of Parliament are most sympathetic to your cause, and will do what we can to continue to ask for an investigation. In particular Pauline Jewett, Jim Manly (Indian Affairs Critic) and myself will keep pressuring.

Please call my office collect either in Vancouver (253-2646) or Ottawa if you want to contact us for help. I will be back in September and hope to visit some reserves in the north, your suggestions would be appreciated.

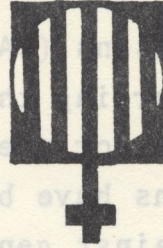
Once again, congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Mitchell M.P.
Vancouver East

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Raj Chohan, President, C.T.U.



Women Working For Women In Prison

P.O. Box 46571, Station G,
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

July 31, 1981.
Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs
440 W. Hastings,
Vancouver, B.C.

To Whom: This May Concern;

We would like you to know that Women Working For Women In Prison totally supports the demands of the Concerned Aboriginal Women as outlined during their recent occupation of the DIA offices. Women Working For Women In Prison is a Vancouver based women's organization that represents women prisoners' interests in Canada.

A few of us were fortunate enough to participate in a meeting with these women at the Vancouver Indian Center and were deeply touched in our hearts by the strength, pride and justness of these Indian women. We felt that this action represented a resurgence of Indian pride and strength in their way of life and identity as Indians. Everyone we have met who has been in contact with these women has expressed a similar experience with the exception of course, of government bureaucrats and others of their kind.

We support an independant public enquiry into the DIA and demand the resignation of Fred Walchli. In these times of deepening recession and growing repression, many non-Indians are beginning to experience material poverty and the accompanying deadening of the spirit and mind that it brings. On this level we can identify with the Indian people. Unfortunately we do not have a tradition and way of life to look back upon that we can base our struggle upon, and so we have much that we can learn from the Indian people's traditional way of life, their respect for the earth and their spirituality.

We have sent a telegram to John Munro expressing our support of the Aboriginal Women and asked that all charges against them be dropped, and also sent a similar letter to Fred Walchli.

Feel free to use our name in any reference to support organizations and if you wish any assistance from us please contact us.

Women Working For Women In Prison

Women Against Prisons (WAP) and Solitary Confinement Abolition Project are supporting the Aboriginal Women who occupied the offices of the DIA for one week. The degree of injustice that the Native Indians have been suffering under has no comparison. It's a fight against genocide and it is very necessary and right that the women and men of the Indian Nations take such measures as the occupation to protest. We support your fight to take that rightful control over your own lives.

We know through our work around prison situations that a very large number of native men and women are locked away in prisons much larger than their numbers in general society. And that is just one example of the injustices.

We support the demands of the Indian Nations for a public inquiry into DIA and the conditions on the reservations and for the immediate resignation of Fred Walchli. We also support the Native people holding their own inquiry if that would be what you want.

We will continue through our work to expose the kind of inhumanity that these governments are imposing on the lives of the people who wish to live close to the earth. We need to honour and protect the earth, not destroy it and all living things on it. All support to your struggles.

Women Against Prisons (WAP)
Solitary Confinement Abolition Project

VICTORIA: JULY 30TH, 1981

TAKEN OUT OF "TIMES COLONIST": BY THE EDITORIAL REVIEW BOARD

HEADLINE: "WHEN THE SPEAR OVERTAKES THE LAW"

The agents and accessories of the law, the robe judges and offstare courts, the earnest lawyers, the rudy rich, the armed policemen are enough to keep even the reluctant among us in some kind of social ordre. But if you are confined to a life of social isolation, what if you are dependent on handouts for your daily bread and a roof over your head, what if you can see no opportunity for your children, what if year most of your family is repeatedly without meaningful work, what if too many of your friends are dunk drunk most much of the time and if too many of the young people in your clan kill themselves for lack of anything better todo,. Then document called the Supreme Court Order telling you your clumsy protest is beyond the law, it is simply another piece of paper. Most-the of the 53 people that had to be carried from the Vancouver Regional Office of the Department of Indian Affairs, this week, were not militant young men, they were women. Women in every society are the last to protest, the most reluctant to defy the social code. Contrary to some claims these Indian women are also unlikely to be the pawns of other protestors. They are far more likely to have undertaken there sit in from a genuine sense of frustrattion if not desperation. But most non Indinas know of reserve life, is the glimpse they get driving by on the road. The houses they remember are the hobb havels surrounded by debris. The mind set which to often remains is that these are peppel who refuse to help themselves. It is a verdict reached without evidence and certainly without charity. Of course everyone knows that something tis dreadfully wrong within the segment of Canadian society which is Indian. Paternalism has been a dismal failure. IN one 6 week period in recent years, there were 8 suicides amongst Cowichan Indian Band in Duncan. Almos all-teens-and all people in there teens and 20ties. What greater measure of failure can there be? The INidans staging their sit in in Vancouver this month demanded the Department's Regional Director be fired. Apart from the fact such eveidence

action without evidence would be patently unfair. NO government could accede to such demands and hope to retain a civil service. They also demanded a meeting with Indian Affairs Minister: John Munro and were offered one in Ottawa provided they end their protest. Mr. Munro should have come to hear them, that is his job. Lastly they demanded an independent inquiry into living conditions on reserve and oportuntiy the government shoudl seize because it comes at the "behest of reserve residents. Such an inquiry would reveal to the rest of us what is making the peopde who live there so desperate. It might produce some better idea of what to do about it.