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Sent via email:

May 15, 2012

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Office of the Premier. You narrowed your request on March 6, 2012 through conversation with Stephanie MacLeod. Your request is for:

Any correspondence (published or not) to and from the Premier of BC and the Prime Minister of Canada. Time frame is August 17, 2011 to February 17, 2012.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations) of FOIPPA. A copy of this section of FOIPPA is provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after it has been released by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page

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Fax: 250-387-9843

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Stephanie MacLeod, the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 387-1932. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to (250) 387-1932.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

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Sincerely,

for:

Cindy Elbahir, Manager Central Agency Team

Information Access Operations

Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

- 1. A copy of your original request;
- 2. A copy of our response; and
- 3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

[RSBC 1996] Chapter 165

Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations

- 16 (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to:
 - (a) harm the conduct by the government of British Columbia of relations between that government and any of the following or their agencies:
 - (i) the government of Canada or a province of Canada;
 - (ii) the council of a municipality or the board of a regional district;
 - (iii) an aboriginal government;
 - (iv) the government of a foreign state;
 - (v) an international organization of states,
 - (b) reveal information received in confidence from a government, council or organization listed in paragraph (a) or their agencies, or;
 - (c) harm the conduct of negotiations relating to aboriginal self government or treaties.
 - (2) Moreover, the head of a public body must not disclose information referred to in subsection (1) without the consent of:
 - (a) the Attorney General, for law enforcement information, or
 - (b) the Executive Council, for any other type of information.
 - (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to information that is in a record that has been in existence for 15 or more years unless the information is law enforcement information.