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Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 6:38 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Funding

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From: S22
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 7:17 AM
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Subject: missing women report

Dear Premier, I watched the release of the report yesterday and the recommendations it put forth. Then I watched a news program about the Rainer Hotel revealing the lay off of staff due to budget cuts. This program is new and services the type of women described in the report. Meanwhile you are using \$15 million tax dollars to advertise your government (for re-election). This is not acceptable from a humanitarian or fiscal perspective. Either you are serious about addressing the issues facing women in poverty, or you are not. Each time I see one of your ads I will recall the missing and murdered women.
Sincerely, S22

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From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 19, 2012 9:13 AM
To: S22
Subject: RE: missing women report

Thank you for your Email regarding government advertising and Commissioner Oppal's Report. We are pleased to provide this clarification of the intended goals and objectives of the ads and some feedback with regard to the Commissioner's Report.

In Budget 2012, the government allocated money to promote BC's advantages to potential investors as well as direct people to important services available for job seekers. The 'Skills for BC' series on Global TV is a small part of that investment. Its entire focus is to reach out to British Columbians and do all we can to make sure citizens are aware of the training and job opportunities available to them. The intent of the advertisements is also to highlight to British Columbians that our BC Jobs Plan is producing great results. We are attracting more investment, seeing more interest in trades training and employment opportunities are growing. We are also bringing important information to the forefront through the ads, so that British Columbians are more informed about the important work we are doing.

The Canada Starts Here reference is to our efforts to attract business with Asia; the Premier has done a few trade missions to Asia to build on the work that has been done in the past, to encourage and attract new investment and strengthen our social, cultural and economic ties.

By sharing that news publicly, we believe, we can build on the progress that has been made and that is even better news for British Columbians, their families and their communities. Your views on this approach have been noted and your comments will become part of our related discussions.

With regard to Commissioner Oppal's Report, the Minister of Justice has reviewed its contents and is working with her ministry staff to bring forward changes. You can view her initial feedback at <http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2012/12/government-takes-immediate-action-on-missing-women-report.html>

We do appreciate your taking the time to write.

From: S22
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2012 1:12 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Subject: Missing Women's Report

Dear Honourable Premier C. Clark,

Premier, I have reviewed through the Recommendations by Mr. Oppal and I have found them to be well thought out and important.

You may be sitting there and assessing the cost of Mr. Oppal's recommendations and in light of your commitment to balance the budget, I will support you should you bite the bullet and over expend on these

issues. I am a supporter of your government and I would suggest to you that you must reach out and connect with women and what better way than to support financially the recommendations made by Mr. Oppal.

The best way to do this would be to recall the legislation for the first week of January and table a bill that would permit the over expenditure. That way you force the NDP to support the over expenditure or show their colours and fight against it.

Either way you will improve your image in the eyes of female voters.

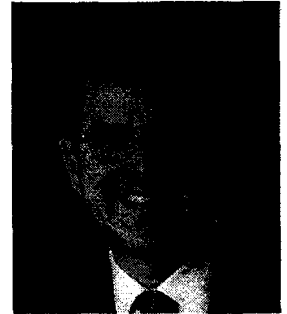
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From: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, December 21, 2012 9:55 AM
To: S22
Subject: RE: Missing Women's Report

Thank you for your thoughts and recommendation on how best to move forward. We are studying the Report carefully; Minister Bond has provided some initial feedback [<http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2012/12/government-takes-immediate-action-on-missing-women-report.html>] and we will be saying more in the New Year. Please be assured that we know how important this is and we are taking the Report, its findings and recommendations very seriously.

It was good of you to write.

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December 19th, 2012

The Honourable Christy Clark
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Dear Premier Clark:

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I look forward to your earliest reply.

Sincerely,

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Adrian Dix

cc: The Honourable Wally Oppal, QC
The Honourable Steven Point, OBC

FAX

TO: PREMIER CHRISTY CLARK

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DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2012

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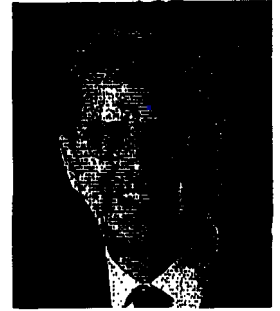
A copy of Mr. Dix's letter was hand delivered to your office early this afternoon. Having heard radio reports your office has not received, I am sending a fax copy. Thank you.


FOR ADRIAN DIX

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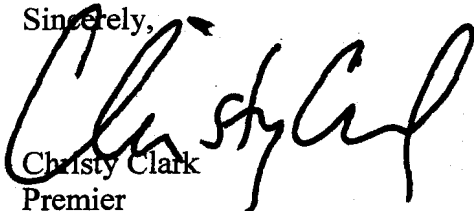
Adrian Dix
Leader of the Official Opposition
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Dear Adrian:

Thank you for your letter regarding Commissioner Wally Oppal's comprehensive Report of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry.

I have noted your interest around how best to move forward, including meeting with Commissioner Oppal and the Honourable Steven Point. I will be discussing the Report and the recommendations with the Minister of Justice, and will give your suggestion full consideration.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark
Premier