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From: s.22

Sent: April 14, 2005 10:32 AM

To: Office of the Premier PREM:EX; Campbell, Gordon LASS:EX

Subject: Haida Blockade

Gordon Campbell,

I am writing with regards to the Haida Blockade here on Haida Gwaii.
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I support the blockade, even tho' it is hurting my business (and alot of other businesses on-island). I have just recently become aware of the Province's practise of changing legislation that doesn't suit them, stemming from a Supreme Court decision that the Province doesn't want to withhold. This is not a government for the people! This is not a government acting with integrity.

Please get to the table and resolve this issue with integrity !!!

Sincerely,
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From: s.22

Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2005 7:10 AM

To: Office of the Premier PREM:EX; Campbell, Gordon LASS:EX

Subject: Haida

To

The Hon. Premier Gordon Campbell

East Annex

Parliament Buildings

Victoria

BC

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Dear Sir,

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Therefore, I support the blockades and any further legal actions of the Haida to defend their traditional lands, their resources, from being "robbed" by Weyerhaeuser and the government of British Columbia. It is absolutely unacceptable that free, prior and informed consent is not provided to the legitimate owners of the land the Haida which is being logged.

The Aboriginal Title has to be recognized.

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to any communication between the Haida, corporations, and the provincial government of British Columbia.

Therefore I urge you to support the Haida and their legitimate actions, to execute the decision of the Canadian Supreme Court of Nov. 18th, 2004, and to respect the Delgamuukw Decision of 1997,

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Unceded Territory is Closed for Business

Gordon,

s.22 This letter is in support of the Haida Nation's blockade of the American Mega Corporations who are negotiating further resource exploitation on their land.

This is unceded land my friend. The Government land deeds are false. Check the royal proclamation 1763. This land wasn't given up, or signed away by treaty.

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Considering that the Native people vastly outnumbered the white's at this time, I'd say that this province's link to Canada is fraudulent at best.

Your country's supreme court has agreed that consultation must take place when regarding the use/exploitation of Native resources.

This province is not open for business on Native Land, unless proper and respectful consultation occurs. I am more than pleased that your attorney general is leaving his position, as I find him to be arrogant, ignorant, and unwilling to look at the historical truths of this country and province.

This following excerpt from the Georgia Straight proves this wholeheartedly.

"At some point, it may be clear on the evidence that there is a group called the Haida Nation that represents the collectivity [and] that the courts tell us is the group that would hold aboriginal rights and title as a communal group," Plant said

The B.C. government also claimed in its statement of defense that the plaintiffs "slept on their alleged

rights with the result that the public interest requires that the action be barred". In addition, the province alleged that the "prodigious delay" is of such a length and extent that British Columbia "will not be held to account for the ancient obligations that the Plaintiffs allege existed and were breached".

On September 25, Grand Chief Edward John of the First Nations Summit told reporters at the organization's annual assembly that he is "amazed" the provincial government has argued that limitation periods apply to aboriginal-title and aboriginal-rights cases.

"This is after 130 years of denying and legislating against aboriginal rights," John said. "Now, they're bringing forward a new argument that says, 'Sorry, you slept on your rights. Therefore, you can't now assert them in the courts of this country.'"

Your country made it illegal to pursue land claims, how is that sleeping on your rights??? It sickens my stomach that we must make such large concessions to the Government.

As far as voting in this next election, unless you have an emotional breakdown the next time you look in the mirror and realize your whole term in office was a sham (the looking glass will tell you, you fucked over the people) you can count on my vote going elsewhere.

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Just some food for thought

Have a good day

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From: Office of the Premier PREM:EX

Sent: April 18, 2005 3:58 PM

To: s.22

Cc: Minister, FOR FOR:EX

Subject: RE: Unceded Territory is Closed for Business

Thank you for your email regarding actions on Haida Gwaii, the Queen Charlotte Islands. Since your comments specifically relate the Ministry of Forests, I have shared your correspondence with that ministry and requested that they ensure you receive an appropriate response.

Again, thank you for writing.

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From: s.22

Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 8:56 PM

To: Office of the Premier PREM:EX; Campbell, Gordon LASS:EX

Subject: Support for the Haida Gwaii Blockade

Dear sir or Madame,

I wish to voice my full support for the Haida Nation and their current blockade in Haida Gwaii.

Sincerely,

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From: Office of the Premier PREM:EX

Sent: April 13, 2005 4:27 PM

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From: s.22

Sent: Saturday, April 09, 2005 5:32 PM

To: Office of the Premier PREM:EX

Subject: Re: blockade

Hooray for the Haida Nation! They will be here long after you and your
ass-kissing log and job exporters are dumped in the refuse bins where you
belong. I'm with the blockade.

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> From: "Office of the Premier PREM:EX"
> Date: Thu, 7 Apr 2005 16:30:55 -0700
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From: s.22

Sent: April 12, 2005 1:08 PM

To: Office of the Premier PREM:EX; Campbell, Gordon LASS:EX

Subject: Haida Gwaii

Dear Mr Campbell,

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Sincerely,

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From: s.22

Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2005 8:45 PM

To: Office of the Premier PREM:EX; Campbell, Gordon LASS:EX

Subject: Haida Blockade

Dear Mr. Campbell,

I write to add my voice to the growing numbers across Canada -- indeed around the world -- who are outraged by your government's horribly regressive policies toward the aboriginal people of British Columbia.

While this letter could have been written at any time in recent years, I am motivated now by your government's particularly callous treatment of the Haida people, which has, once again, forced them into blockades.

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What is most striking, when one travels in that territory, is the gulf between the claims your tourism bureaucracy makes for B.C. -- "super natural" -- and the reality of environmental destruction and human degradation wrought by your policies. To glimpse the hill sides of Haida Gwaii, ravaged by rapacious logging practices, is to be revolted at the hypocrisy in British Columbia's use of natural and aboriginal imagery for promotion beyond your borders.

Moreover, to understand the depths to which Haida society was plunged in the 19th Century and to witness the extraordinary resurgence of their culture now, is to be ashamed, on behalf of all Canadians, that your government can find no better role for itself in that haunted territory than to collude with Bay and Wall Streets to steal what few resources remain after two centuries of pillage.

Regardless of your intent, these policies -- the endless promotion of offshore drilling, the willful disregard of the Crown's responsibility to consult the island's inhabitants on resource management, the ongoing degradation of local services in favor of a centralizing bureaucracy -- are on a continuum with the murderous approach our European ancestors traditionally took toward the native people of this land.

Canadian politicians of every stripe -- yourself included -- have repeatedly avowed their determination to make amends for this disgusting legacy. Yet, in practice, you and your colleagues continually prove these promises to be

nothing more than empty platitudes.

Thus do you condemn yourselves to certain irrelevancy and doom us all to a horrid present of pointless strife and a brutal future of environmental disaster.

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Again, thank you for writing to share your views with me.