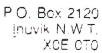
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Mr. Stephen Kakfwi Chairman Western Constitutional Forum Box 1589 Yellowknife, N.W.T. XIA 2P2

Dear Mr. Kakfwi,

Your letter of February 2, 1987 is not correct.

On November 2, 1986, when discussions between NCF and WCF in Yellowknife, you stated you and John Amogoalik get together in Ottawa to see how discussions on division might continue.

No authority was given to you by IRC or COPE or anyone else to negotiate or fix the content of an agreement.

Neither you nor John Amagoalik ever once called anyone at IRC or COPE between November 2, 1986 and January 15, 1987 to advise you were negotiating an agreement, nor did you invite anyone from IRC or COPE to participate in negotiations. We only learned on January 8 through the media of possible meetings.

The situation is very much like that seen in the current crisis between Newfoundland and the federal Government over fishing rights given to France. While Premier Peckford's Government was consulted in preliminary discussions, the Mulroney Government failed to adigse or invite Newfoundland to the negatiating table when the fishing agreement was hammered out between January 10 to 24, 1987. The Mulroney Government has now admitted to and applogized for this (in its own word) "disgraceful" approach.

When all the attempted rationalizations are swept away. It is clear that this Agreement was negotiated and signed through a process of secrecy without consultation with our organizations or with the residents or representatives of any communities.

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Paulaktuk Settlement Council Special meeting #87-05 Council Chambers February 16, 1987

Present:

Garrett Ruben, Chairman Andy Thrasher, V/Chairman Adam Ruben, Councillor Gilbert Thrasher, Councillor

Absent:

Marcus Ruben, Peter Green (out of town), James Ruben

Public:

Ray Ruben, Bertha & Billy Ruben, Anny & Joe Roy Illasiak M. Ruben, Charlie Thrasher, Mary E. Ruben, Alice Aqnaoyak Ruben, Fred Thrasher.

The Chairman recognized a quorum and called the special meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

The Chairman informed Council and the public that this meeting was called to discuss the issue of division of the N.W.T. He said that we should get a quick letter out to our M.L.A. Nellie Cournoyea on our feelings of this Development. We should have our feelings made known before the Legislative Assembly try to table it without our say. The public discussed Division and the signing of the ducments. There was a negative feeling on the signing because of the lack of Inuvialuit Western Arctic involvement. Nellie Cournoyea our M.L.A. was not involved and should have been. The Inuvialuit has to have its own rights protected before we support division.

Motion: 87-25

Moved by Gilbert Thrasher, seconded by Andy Thrasher that the Paulatuk Settlement Council and those public in attendance disagree with the signing of the Divisonal papers and that the Territorial Government should defer it until the Inuvialuit of the Western Arctic has its own input.

Carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 pm.