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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parties with Part Two Standing

FROM: Nye Thomas
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DATE: June 30, 2004

RE: Part Two, Ipperwash Inquiry
Overview and Description of Potential Research and Consultations

Attached please find a draft Research and Consultation Plan for studies or projects that may be commissioned by Part Two of the Ipperwash Inquiry. The Plan outlines the proposed Part Two work that **the Inquiry** may undertake. In addition to this work, we anticipate project applications from parties with Part Two standing, as discussed later in this memo.

The purpose of the draft plan is to:

- Advise parties of the policy and systemic issues being considered by the Inquiry;
- Give parties the opportunity to comment upon the draft;
- Assist the parties to design or consider projects and submissions that may require Part Two funding from the Inquiry; and
- Assist the parties to identify where they might be able to partner with the Inquiry on some of the proposed work.

The research topics identified in the plan fall within the four broad topic areas the Inquiry will be considering in Part Two:

- The relationship between police and Aboriginal people.
- The relationship between police and government.
- The interaction between police and protestors.
- The avoidance of violent confrontations over Aboriginal land and treaty claims in Ontario.

The draft plan includes many suggestions from parties with Part Two standing.

The Inquiry will distribute names and contact information for authors once they have been selected. Authors and parties are encouraged to contact each other in order to ensure researchers have the benefit of stakeholder perspectives.

The draft plan is not a final or complete research agenda. We anticipate that the list will be amended from time-to-time based on submissions from the parties, author's availability, subject-matter expertise, etc. All updates will be posted on our website (www.ipperwashinquiry.ca).

The papers and consultations anticipated by the Research and Consultation Plan will form only a part of the information that the Commissioner will have available when considering Part Two issues. Other information will include submissions by parties and the public, verbal submissions that may be gathered at public meetings, and the evidence presented in Part One.

Please note that parties are not precluded from seeking funding for a research project if an issue is also identified on the Research and Consultation Plan. Different approaches and perspectives on an issue will assist the Commissioner. As a result, there may be some overlap between the research and consultation work of the Commission and that proposed by the parties.

The Inquiry is asking parties to submit project applications to us by **July 30th, 2004**. We encourage parties to talk to us about their project ideas before they spend time and resources designing a formal written proposal. As well, we are available to meet with parties to discuss their project ideas and help them put together a project proposal if they feel they require such assistance.

The strategy for the research and consultation plan is based on the following assumptions:

- Each major policy area identified by Part Two should be the subject of a research paper and some form of consultation(s). As a result, researchers will be asked to participate in some form of consultation, conference or roundtable to facilitate discussion with the parties and other experts on their research topic. The final paper should then incorporate ideas and recommendations from the consultations.
- Generally speaking, the Inquiry's goal is to have the draft research papers available for parties before or at the same time the issue is being considered in Part One. This approach will likely assist the Inquiry, counsel, and parties interpret the factual evidence more effectively. The sequence of the evidential hearings has not been finalized.
- Parties with standing will have opportunities to comment on draft research papers, participate in consultations, and make final submissions after the conclusion of the evidential hearings. This will allow them to knit together the policy analysis of the research papers/consultations with the Part One evidential record.
- Each of the research papers must be of very high quality. The factual, legal and public policy analysis must be able to withstand rigorous scrutiny.

- The intended audience and readership for the papers are intelligent non-specialists. The public education component of the papers is extremely important. Writers will be asked to take care to ensure the language, presentation, and organization of the papers is accessible.
- The papers should use a comparative and case-based methodologies, provide concrete examples and ideas, and identify theoretical models and frameworks. The papers should help identify and compare the range of policy options and perspectives within the subject area. It is vital that the papers reflect the diversity of opinion that exists within a subject area.
- The papers will be posted on the Inquiry's web site to ensure the widest possible distribution and discussion.
- Neither the research papers nor the accompanying consultations will be expected to provide final answers. Our goal is to provoke innovative, creative and practical ideas that assist the Inquiry to develop helpful and workable recommendations.
- Finally, writers will be asked to avoid discussing or speculating on the facts surrounding the death of Dudley George. These facts are the very subject matter of the Inquiry. It would be inappropriate and premature for authors to discuss Ipperwash in the absence of a comprehensive factual record that has been tested in evidential hearings.

Please provide your comments to me on or before July 30th, 2004. I can be contacted at:

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