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Dear Chief Tshakapesh and Chief Rich:

Child & Family Services

This is in response to your letter of October 17, 2001, in which you raise concerns around the issue of Child and Family Services delivery in your respective communities.

As you are aware from our discussions and from the draft agreements that you have reviewed, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has been mandated to enter into a tripartite framework agreement with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Labrador Health Corporation (LHC). This tripartite framework agreement will, in turn, enable us to enter into a bilateral funding agreement with LHC in order that we may provide funds to complement the services now provided through the Province. Due to the urgent need for these services, we feel this process will be the most effective way to support the child and family services in your communities.

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It is for this reason that we are working towards the above-noted agreements. This being said, we also share your view that it is critical that we maximize Innu involvement in the delivery of the services if they are to be effective. INAC is committed to working with all parties to ensure that this takes place.

Once federal funding is in place, we will be in a position to sit down with all relevant parties to work for improvements in the delivery of services and to discuss next steps in developing capacity. Through this process, it is hoped that we can achieve our mutual goals of maximizing Innu control in the delivery of these critical services and improving the lives of Innu children.

I trust this provides you with clarification of our approach in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like clarification or further information.

Yours sincerely,



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