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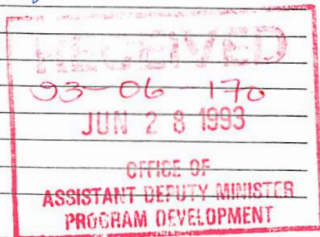
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I received this
from Wayne.

Noel's Bruce

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JUN 14 1993

Mr. Luke Rich
Executive Director
Innu Nation Health Commission
P.O. Box 199
Sheshatshiu, Labrador
AOP 1M0

Rich
Dear Mr. Rich:

As we agreed at our meeting a few days ago, the following is my commitment to help Davis Inlet in the short-term in response to the impending laying of charges for child abuse against certain members of the community.

1. I will pay the cost to send two people, to be identified by the Assembly of First Nations, to go to Davis Inlet for two weeks to help with whatever reaction may arise in the community once charges are laid. I recently sent you the AFN suggestions.
2. This will be reconsidered within about two weeks, once the community leaders have returned from the country and have had a strategy meeting.
3. I will pay the cost for three people from Davis Inlet to travel to Poundmakers for three weeks to be with the youth there during the period after the charges are laid. I understand arrangements are now being made.
4. I will determine whether the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Affairs has sponsored any relevant research which can be made available to the community. It appears there may be some documents which can be made available shortly.

Given events which are unfolding quickly, it appears that the community has accepted my offer, at least for the short-term. If anything further arises in the next short while, please feel free to discuss with me or my staff.

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CRANFORD
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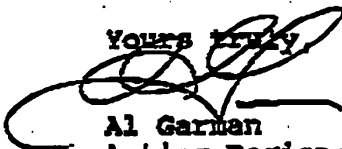
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Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,



Al Gorman
Acting Regional Director
Indian & Inuit Health Services
Atlantic Region

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cc: Wayne Penny
Peter McGregor
Garry Steele
Don Ferguson
Marie Fortier

See page 12 - who were boys/children
who exactly is gone? (19 kids)
ages?
are family with them?

- How did they spread to
Indonesian camps?

- How of adolescents have no family?

- a coordinator lived for Davis's Project HWG

- after can make for Davis's
Name of fundmaker submitted
Training Proposals



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Elizabeth Crawford,

For your information and follow-up with respect to Davis Inlet. I would expect the C.W. Dunsin to take a lead role in working with the region in H. Worth respect to services for these children once they return from Poudwah's Lodge. After you have reviewed my letter should discuss further. As you may be aware Mr. Ross Reid M.P. and the Hon E. Roberts are having on going discussion with respect to future government involvement within the community.

George Dunsin
Apr. 7/93

Libby FH
Karen Power

FRIDAY, April 2, 1993

The Western Star

Davis Inlet gas sniffers learn to be children

By Jack Danyichuk
The Edmonton Journal

EDMONTON (CP) — Young people from the Labrador village of Davis Inlet are learning something at a wilderness recovery camp for chronic gas sniffers that they were never taught at home.

"They are learning to play," said Vince Steinhauer, a co-ordinator at the Poundmaker's Adolescent Centre camp — a cluster of industrial trailers on the banks

of the North Saskatchewan River 150 kilometres east of Edmonton.

Steinhauer and other counsellors at the camp were describing their experiences with 19 Innu youth at a workshop on the importance of accessing their culture in the treatment of native children — part of a conference on inhalant abuse.

Davis Inlet captured international attention in January when six young people, between 13 and 16 years old, were found

high on gasoline fumes in an unheated shack. The youths fought attempts to save them and screamed they wanted to die.

"They were sniffing to die," said Ruth Morin, director of the Poundmaker's Adolescent Centre.

At the centre, they've learned to play together rather than fight each other, she said.

The Innu arrived at the Poundmaker's centre in St. Paul six weeks ago



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

MEMO

TO: Mr. George Skinner
Assistant Deputy Minister
Program Development

FROM: Terrence Stapleton
Director of Child Welfare

RE: Information related to Davis Inlet and Solvent Abuse

DATE: 1993-01-17

The enclosed information was provided by Dr. Pauline Duke, Family Practice, Faculty of Medicine, The Health Sciences Centre. I believe that Dr. Tenenbein was one of the experts discussed at our November meeting with Health and Welfare officials. Has there been any action/plans since the initial meetings and visits to Davis Inlet?


TERRENCE STAPLETON
Director of Child Welfare

TS/mo'r

Enclosure

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Dr. Pauline Duke
Discipline of Family Practice
Faculty of Medicine
The Health Sciences Centre
St. John's, NF
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Dear Dr. Duke:

Thank you for the material in relation to Davis Inlet. I have circulated it to the Committee currently reviewing the Davis Inlet social/medical needs. Hopefully, with the joining together of Provincial and Federal resources as a unified entity, some results may now be achieved over past attempts. Time will tell.

Thank you for your help and concern.

Yours truly,


TERRENCE STAPLETON
Director of Child Welfare

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Children from Davis Inlet.

Now in Sheshashit Group Home.

[REDACTED] - Temp. Ward. Pending Permanent
D.O.B (78-[REDACTED])

[REDACTED] - No wardship (over 16) D.O.B 76-[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - Supervision Order D.O.B. (78-[REDACTED])
Pending Temporary Wardship - Feb 15.

[REDACTED] - Supervision Order D.O.B (79-[REDACTED])
Pending Temporary Wardship - Feb. 15.

[REDACTED] - Supervision - Pending Temp. - Feb 15
D.O.B (79-[REDACTED])

Kids involved in weekend incident

① [REDACTED] - Temporary Wardship
D.O.B. (78-[REDACTED])

② [REDACTED] - No Wardship D.O.B (77-[REDACTED])

③ [REDACTED] - Supervision Order D.O.B (82-[REDACTED])

④ [REDACTED] (No wardship) D.O.B (82-[REDACTED])

⑤ [REDACTED] - No Wardship D.O.B (79-[REDACTED])

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[REDACTED] will remain in Davis right now.

[REDACTED] will be placed in the Group home pending openings available.

The last 5 children listed are still in the community at present.

We welcome any input you can give.

Darlene.

P.S. [REDACTED] is in the group home of [REDACTED] own accord. This ~~has~~ has been discussed with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] wants to be there. Any advise?

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Cathy

FYI

I return CW

Please note
names so we
can get cards
when Bruce
gets back from
Albion. Thanks.

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*Bruce Loder
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Interviews.*

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FROM:

Darlene Perry
Labrador Regional Office

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FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION MESSAGE

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93-05-19

TO:

Darlene Perry / Brendan Mullaly
D.O.S.S. Regional Office
HUGB, NF

FROM:

Bruce Loder
Davis Inlet, NF

RECEIVING FACSIMILE NUMBER:

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SUBJECT:

Referral from Pouch matters
(Copy of Fax from Ruth Morin)

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Please read and phone for
further discussion as to what action
will be taken

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TELEPHONE: 645-1884

FAX : 645-1883

DRUG ABUSE & ALCOHOLISM

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TO: Bruce LoderDATE: May 19, 1993FROM: Ruth Morin

Following are 11 copies plus the cover. If any documents are missing or are unreadable, please call 645-1884.

COMMENTS: Bruce, sorry for the lateness of these arriving.
Yesterday was a nightmare to try to get through to
you - the telephone operators explained it as a "no
circuits" condition and suggested I just keep trying.
I will be back in my office on Tuesday, May 25.
Can you call me to let me know the outcome of our
reporting this?

Thanks,
Ruth Morin.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] disclosed two incidents of sexual abuse. The first incident occurred when [REDACTED] was babysitting [REDACTED] children. [REDACTED] came to the home. [REDACTED] pulled [REDACTED] into a bedroom. [REDACTED] pushed [REDACTED] against a wall, began kissing [REDACTED] on the mouth, then forced [REDACTED] onto the bed. [REDACTED] tried taking [REDACTED] pants off but could not succeed. [REDACTED] closed the door then tried kissing [REDACTED] again. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] yelled but no one came. [REDACTED] managed to escape to the living room. [REDACTED] grabbed [REDACTED] who was sitting and placed [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] lap. [REDACTED] then left. [REDACTED] returned the next day to visit [REDACTED] and closed the door. [REDACTED] waited there until [REDACTED] left. [REDACTED] did not disclose this incident until [REDACTED] stay in Saddle Lake Alberta. [REDACTED] second disclosure is similar to the first and involves [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was running with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] cousin's place. They were watching horses exercise. [REDACTED] was sleeping in another room. [REDACTED] entered the room [REDACTED] and told [REDACTED]

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them to watch "dirty movies" with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] switched the videos then unzipped
[REDACTED] pants exposing [REDACTED] erect penis.
and [REDACTED] were very scared. [REDACTED]
forced [REDACTED] into a bedroom [REDACTED] said,
"wanted to go out with me." [REDACTED] told
[REDACTED] to leave [REDACTED] alone. [REDACTED] said "Forget it
it's useless what happened next (Perhaps
it was the close presence of [REDACTED] or that
caused [REDACTED] to stop). [REDACTED] then went to the
living room, watched dirty movies then and
left. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED], the
next day. This incident was also disclosed
to [REDACTED] for the first time in Saddle Lake.

Both incidents took place at night.

Interviews conducted May 16, 1993 by Brenda
Big Chief and John Rithard, Saddle Lake, Alta.

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The foregoing interview was conducted over a
 three day period at the request of the Davis Inlet
 Chief and Council. This information is very sensitive
and is confidential. These individuals represent
 the first disclosures made during the Saddle Lake
 camp. We strongly request these will be
 many more not only from the females but the
 males as well. We request a family tree showing
 how these individuals ^{concerned,} ~~and their progenies~~ are
 related. ^{- particularly the [redacted] family.} These young are very scared
 and need to know they will be safe when they
 return to Davis Inlet.

We have begun therapy one on one and we will start a survivors support group in the near future. These youth are very vulnerable and need constant support and access to counselors trained in sexual abuse issues. Each individual has read each report and confirms the increased information. The youths were asked to sign Barbara Bigchell and John Rothman, Counselors

2 copies Dr. John Rothman 14, 1983

Each session that their disclosures were to be written down and sent to their Chief and Council.

Submitted by Brandon Brighiel and John Cuthand
Counselors, Saddle Lake Area on May 14, 1993

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This was a particularly difficult session [redacted]
hesitant, lengthy pauses between sentences. Emotions
vary from fear, anger and withdrawal. Withdrawal
prominent.

After lengthy coaxing/ reassurance, [redacted]
said [redacted] had on been in the hospital.
[redacted] entered the room and tried to take off [redacted]
posts [redacted] refused to continue.

Incident cited by Shanta Thoma (refers to
Shanta's section) brought up [redacted] silent - neither
demand nor confirmation.

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Age 17

described two incidents of sexual abuse. refused to name the perpetrator is very frightened of these people yet was forth coming in describing the incidents.

disclosed an incident that took place when was nine years old. remembers sleeping in a room with other. A man entered the room crawled in bed with and began fondling. tried to remove underwear but could not remove "panty hose". then left and went over to where was sleeping. was too frightened to cry out covered with blankets and does not know what happened to.

then disclosed had been abused by the same perpetrator from the time was five years old until was eleven. said this is a different person from the first incident when was five years old a drunken man picked up from in front of home then drove off with. parked the vehicle then began pulling off

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clothes. [redacted] then had sexual intercourse with [redacted]. Again [redacted] was too frightened to scream out for help. [redacted] pattern of abuse begins with kissing [redacted] on the mouth, then covering [redacted] mouth with [redacted] hand and demanding [redacted] tell no one. [redacted] ~~has not~~ ~~disclosed~~ ~~until~~ ~~she came to the camp~~ ~~in Saddle Lake Alta.~~ ~~[redacted] has much more to disclose around this incident.~~

These disclosures were particularly difficult for [redacted]. [redacted] has not disclosed until [redacted] came to the camp in Saddle Lake Alta. [redacted] has much more to disclose around this incident.

Interview conducted with [redacted] May 15, 1993. Conducted by Brenda Bigchies and John Cochran, Saddle Lake Alberta.

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Age 13.

When [redacted] was nine years old [redacted] came to [redacted] grandfather's home where [redacted] was staying. [redacted] said [redacted] played with [redacted] while grandfather looked out the window. [redacted] placed [redacted] on [redacted] lap, unzipped pants and exposed [redacted] penis. [redacted] pulled down [redacted] pants and then committed an intercourse with [redacted] sitting on him. [redacted] was too frightened to yell for help and [redacted] said [redacted] grandfather "just kept look out the window". After [redacted] ejaculated [redacted] allowed [redacted] to go home. [redacted] walked to the door, exposed [redacted] penis. [redacted] said nothing then left. [redacted] said [redacted] grandfather was still looking out the window. [redacted] later told [redacted] me to say anything.

When [redacted] was also age nine [redacted] said [redacted] pulled [redacted] pants down exposing [redacted] then spanked [redacted] saying, "When you grow up you'll have a large [redacted]". [redacted] has not disclosed these incidents until [redacted] came to the Saddle Lake camp. [redacted] said [redacted] had me

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crisis when [redacted] was raped by [redacted]
Following the interview [redacted] cried intensely
[redacted] said [redacted] feels [redacted] sniffs
because of [redacted] sexual abuse. [redacted]
response the best to counselling of all
the six individuals we have interviewed
to date.

Interview conducted May 16, 1993 by
Breanda Smith and John Cuthbert,
Saddle Lake Alberta.

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[REDACTED]

Age 11

[REDACTED] disclosed sexual abuse at age 11.
[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was home alone playing
video games when [REDACTED] entered
the house. [REDACTED] went to [REDACTED] then
backward (on [REDACTED] back) then grabbed
throat with [REDACTED] left hand choking [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Then placed [REDACTED] right hand on
[REDACTED] crotch and rubbed on [REDACTED]
penis [REDACTED] then rubbed [REDACTED] chest
with the same hand. [REDACTED] Then released
[REDACTED] and left the home.

We feel [REDACTED] has more to disclose
but given the intensity of [REDACTED] session
we did not push harder.

Interview conducted May 16, 1993, Saddle Lake
Report by Brenda Bigchies and John Pethan

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Age 11

disclosed two incidents of sexual abuse by the perpetrators. This interview was difficult due to [REDACTED] limited knowledge of the English language. We asked [REDACTED] to repeat and clarify [REDACTED] statements. We believe the following is a reasonable account of events.

When [REDACTED] was seven years old [REDACTED] was playing outside [REDACTED] grandmother's home. [REDACTED] female [REDACTED] appeared. [REDACTED] was sitting playing with sand. [REDACTED] picked [REDACTED] up and threw [REDACTED] down. [REDACTED] placed [REDACTED] hand in [REDACTED] mouth. [REDACTED] then pulled [REDACTED] pants off ripping them as [REDACTED] did so. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] used scissors to cut off [REDACTED] pants. It is unclear what happened then and [REDACTED] evaded all attempts to find out.

[REDACTED] disclosed to [REDACTED] grandmother who contacted [REDACTED] mother. [REDACTED] father then came for [REDACTED] and drove [REDACTED] home by Ski-Doo. This incident happened in another community. [REDACTED] second disclosure involved [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about 8 or 9 years old. One was a

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[REDACTED] does not know their names. The incident took place near [REDACTED] school, close to a baseball field. [REDACTED] said there was a van, close by. [REDACTED] said the two boys took her hand together. They covered [REDACTED] mouth (their hand(s)?) as [REDACTED] was screaming. They removed [REDACTED] pants and paraded [REDACTED] ~~around~~ they fondled [REDACTED] crotch. One inserted [REDACTED] finger into [REDACTED] vagina. The other boy inserted [REDACTED] penis into [REDACTED] rectum. [REDACTED] was standing. [REDACTED] went forward at the voice. [REDACTED] committed anal intercourse while the other kept inserting [REDACTED] finger into [REDACTED] vagina. When they finished, [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to tell no one. [REDACTED] had discussed to [REDACTED] grandmother. [REDACTED] grandmother asked "Why did they do that?", then told [REDACTED] not to return to school. This incident happened when [REDACTED] was age seven, and likely occurred in the community cited in the first incident. [REDACTED] was emotionally first victim these abuses.

Interview conducted May 11, 1993 by [REDACTED]

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1993-02-08

Mr. Terrence Stapleton
Director of Child Welfare
Department of Social Services

RE: Davis Inlet

Dear Mr. Stapleton:

Further to our conversation on today's date, I would like to extend an invitation to your division to accompany Ms. Gillian Mullins and myself to Davis Inlet on February 23 - 25, 1993. The purpose of our trip is to provide training in the area of sexual abuse to community agencies such as the Family Violence Project, Alcohol Program and Innu teachers. We offered a similar workshop in April 1992 and it was well received. We are now providing follow up at the request of the community.

The community is aware of this invitation and is looking forward to an opportunity to meet with divisional staff. I have already discussed this invitation with Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Whitten and I am hoping that one or both can accept. It will be a good opportunity to meet some of the people there as well as give a better understanding of the need for a unique service delivery model in the community.

I look forward to a favourable response.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darlene Perry".

Darlene Perry
Program Consultant
Child Welfare

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cc: Mr. Wayne Penney
Regional Director

FEB 26 1993



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

1993-05-17

Mr. Wayne Penney
Regional Director
Department of Social Services
Elizabeth Goudie Building
Station "B", Happy Valley
AOP 1E0

Re: Davis Inlet Update

Dear Mr. Penney:

I have received a copy of your correspondence to Mr. Browne concerning plans for Davis Inlet. I look forward to discussing these issues further and attending a meeting with you in Davis Inlet.

As you may be aware, the Division and particularly Ms. Simms, has been working with the Conne River Band concerning the cooperative provision of services through the Milltown office and the Band Family Services Program. I am attaching a copy of the proposal, protocols and agreement which has been worked out with them for your information. Please note the agreement has not yet been formally signed. It is presently under review by their lawyers and ours.

If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please call myself or Ms. Simms.

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We are very concerned about the children in Davis Inlet and look forward to being part of a coordinated response to the problems which have caused such turmoil in that community.

Yours truly,



ELIZABETH CRAWFORD, MRS.
Assistant Director
Child Welfare Division

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cc: Mr. George Skinner
Assistant Deputy Minister



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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

MEMO

TO: Mr. Wayne Penney
Regional Director
Department of Social Services

FROM: Ms. Elizabeth Crawford
Assistant Director of Child Welfare

DATE: 1993-06-01

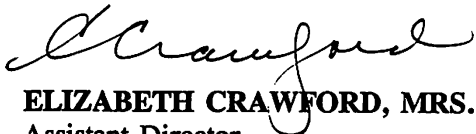
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I have spoken to Alberta regarding the abuse investigations being carried out at Pound Makers by our staff and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Alberta sees no need for their involvement at this point. They have however, offered to provide any assistance they can to our staff while they are in the area. Should they require the use of equipment, interviewing facilities, etc., Mr. Loder should contact the Regional Director for the area:

Mr. Chuck Conroy at 427-0003
or
Mr. Richard Mirasty
Associate Director of Native Child Welfare
Family and Social Services
Edmonton
at 427-6428

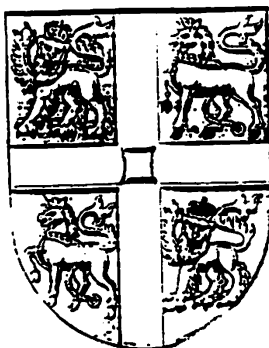
My contact was with Mr. Mirasty.

As these children will likely be returning home in September, please advise as to the status of the plans to provide service at that time.


ELIZABETH CRAWFORD, MRS.
Assistant Director
Child Welfare Division

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June 23, 1993

Dear Wayne,

As you know myself, Rose Gregoire (Community Service Worker, Sheshatshiu) and Corporal John Langille of the Happy Valley sub division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police travelled to the Poundmakers Lodge Saddle Lake Camp for the purposes of completing sexual abuse investigations on the children from Davis Inlet. The aforementioned allegations were brought to light through interviews completed by Poundmakers Lodge staff, and was brought to the attention of this office through a fax from Ruth Morin. Ruth Morin is the director of the Poundmakers Lodge Adolescent Treatment Centre and she is also responsible for the Saddle Lake camp. Although this office only received sexual abuse allegations from six of the eighteen children currently at the Saddle Lake camp it was felt necessary that all of the children be interviewed around this subject. The following is a list of the children involved as well a brief account of the allegations made.

DOB [redacted] The incident occurred at their home in Sheshatshiu. [redacted] mother [redacted] was out drinking alcohol at the time and [redacted] was home with father. [redacted] also spoke about an incident of fondling by [redacted] father.

[redacted] also alleged that [redacted] pushed [redacted] down to the floor and stuck [redacted] hand down [redacted] pants touching [redacted] penis. This occurred at [redacted] home.

DOB [redacted] According to [redacted] this occurred at the woods by the local airstrip. [redacted] had sexual intercourse with [redacted] and fondled [redacted] vagina. This occurred on the seat of snowmobile.

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██████████ also made allegations about ██████████. The extent of this allegation is of unwanted kissing and according to Corporal John Langille it is not believed charges can be laid in this case.

Further allegations were made concerning ██████████. According to ██████████ both of the aforementioned gagged ██████████ and tied ██████████ to a tree and then proceeded to have sexual intercourse with ██████████. ██████████ believed this occurred when ██████████ was six to seven years old. ██████████ is currently facing charges of sexual assault against another Davis Inlet adult resident.

██████████ was also mentioned by ██████████ as a perpetrator. According to ██████████ ██████████ had anal intercourse with ██████████ while ██████████ slept over at ██████████ friend ██████████ house. ██████████ was also in the same room along with other of ██████████ children. ██████████ does not believe anyone else saw this. ██████████ is currently facing charges of incest and sexual assault against ██████████ daughter, ██████████. ██████████ was arrested by Corporal John Langille and Anders Flowers of the R.C.M.P on 93-06-17. ██████████ went to court on 93-06-18 and was released under conditions that ██████████ refrain from alcohol and that ██████████ not have contact with children under the age of 16 unless accompanied by another adult. Arrangements are currently being made with this office and the ██████████ family to have their younger children moved into other homes until the court process is completed. ██████████ is scheduled to go to court on 93-09-14.

██████████ also reported being sexually assaulted by ██████████. According to ██████████ ██████████ had sexual intercourse with ██████████ in a shed as other children watched on. No one came to ██████████ aid. ██████████ told no one about the aforementioned abuse.

██████████ alleged being sexually assaulted by one ██████████ when ██████████ was in kindergarten. According to ██████████ ██████████ was baby-sitting ██████████ at the time. ██████████ parents are not aware of the aforementioned abuse.

██████████ alleged that some time around Christmas in grade five ██████████ pulled down ██████████ pants. ██████████ did not touch ██████████ in any other way.

██████████ also alleged that ██████████ ██████████ first cousin, had sexually assaulted her on a number of occasions. ██████████ reported that ██████████ would also fondle ██████████ vagina during these assaults as well. ██████████ stated that ██████████ has never told anyone of this before as ██████████ did not think ██████████ would be believed.

██████████ alleged that ██████████ sexually assaulted ██████████

by having anal intercourse with [REDACTED] on one occasion. According to [REDACTED] grandfather was also in the same room when this occurred. [REDACTED] grandmother was also in the home.

[REDACTED] also alleged that [REDACTED] had sexually assaulted [REDACTED] in what was previously [REDACTED] house. [REDACTED] recalled playing ball with [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] brought [REDACTED] into a bedroom and proceeded to have anal intercourse with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is currently facing sexual assault charges in Sheshatshiu.

[REDACTED] also alleged a sexual assault against [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] committed suicide in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated she told no one about these assaults.

In the past [REDACTED] made allegations concerning her uncle [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] once again mentioned this; however as this was already dealt with by the courts I will not mention this any further. [REDACTED] also made further allegations about two boys who abducted [REDACTED] on her way from school. Unfortunately [REDACTED] changed her story a couple of times throughout the interview making it impossible to get any details useful enough to bring about charges. [REDACTED] also made allegations about a [REDACTED] who [REDACTED] stated asked [REDACTED] to perform oral sex. Again [REDACTED] details were sketchy at best and will not lead to any criminal charges.

I strongly feel that [REDACTED] needs to be assessed by someone in order to determine to what extent [REDACTED] memory has been effected by [REDACTED] solvent abuse. During our interviews [REDACTED] could not focus on one story and would frequently jump from one story to another even in mid-thought. I do not believe this was due to nervousness but due to solvent abuse effecting [REDACTED] attention span.

Other children at the camp also made allegations however due to their age it is not appropriate to mention the details of these allegations here. I will include a list of the alleged perpetrators as this office will investigate the families of these perpetrators where appropriate. The names are as follows:

[REDACTED]

Corporal John Langille has requested information from this office which will help him to determine what charges can be laid in the aforementioned incidents. I would like to mention that this office would not have received as many allegations as it did without the aid of Rose Gregoire. Rose spent many a long day while at the camp frequently talking with many of these children until well into the morning listening to the children's concerns and encouraging them to come forward. Corporal John Langille also aided in making a

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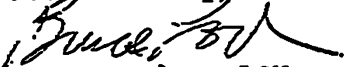
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comfortable interview process by allowing the children to talk wherever they felt the most comfortable, participating in camp events and allowing a couple of days to bond with the children. Both are to be commended.

Trusting this is satisfactory.

Your's truly,



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1993-06-04

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RE: DAVIS INLET



Thank you for your correspondence of 93-06-01. Mr. Loder is now on route to Davis Inlet from Alberta and should be in a position to provide a full report on the disclosures early next week. Rose Gregoire has stayed on a couple of extra days at Saddle Lake.

In regard to planning for the childrens' return, I enclose copies of correspondence that will help serve to bring you up to date. Most of the leaders in Davis Inlet, Chief Rich and others, have been in the country for the past six weeks and this has really slowed down a number of initiatives. Our local recruitment process for staff is on hold pending their return in Mid-June 1993. As well, I hope to arrange a visit to Davis Inlet for you and I late in June to discuss the concept of an emergency shelter. I will need to confirm this with Chief Rich on her return.

A "plan" as such to provide services to these and other children is non existent at this point. There is lots happening and many different parties involved. However, progress in defining a real plan is extremely slow.

Specifically from the Department's perspective, we are directly involved as follows:

- We are pursuing with the Band Council and the Mennonites a very different staffing arrangement for this community. I am still optimistic that this will be in place by August-September 1993.

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- John Graham, Innu Nation, and Bob Cowsell, Health and Welfare Canada and I had held a number of meetings in April-May in regard to developing and supporting this concept of a community resource team. Pat Bernard from the Nichi Institute, Alberta has visited Davis Inlet and Sheshatshit and we have met on two occasions. This institute is prepared to offer a 24 week training program for this community resource team commencing in August 1993 over a twenty-four month period. This will require substantial funding from Health and Welfare and this Department will be expected to cover the cost of our staff participating. A final proposal is to be received by June 15, 1993. This approach recognizes that solutions must be community based and is a start towards developing local expertise and confidence.
- Given the very broad nature of the agenda for this community at present, i.e. relocation, interim improvements in infrastructure, self-government, etc., it is difficult to raise the profile of the emergency shelter concept. All agree that something needs to be developed. However, what type of facility, the service to be provided, who will operate this, etc., is yet to be worked out. There are no vacant, available buildings for this purpose. Therefore, the need for us to visit and explore this.
- Given the large group of children/young adults now disclosing sexual abuse, I believe it is critical to engage appropriate supports/experts, to assist the community, victims, offenders and significant others. I believe Health and Welfare will be approached to fund this. However, they may redirect this as more clearly being our responsibility. Is the Director in a position to fund a support program of this nature? It is reasonable to expect that disclosures may snowball once Bruce and the R.C.M.P. continue their investigations in the community.

Please contact me with your comments/suggestions. As well, would a visit to Davis Inlet during the first week in July be appropriate?

Yours truly,



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Enclosure

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May 5, 1993

Re: Request Aftercare Plan Suggestions

Dear Bill,

Thank you for your request for this offices suggestions as to how the department of social services can assist in the provision of aftercare to those youths currently at the Neechi Institutes Poundmakers Lodge youth facilities. As you said in your letter, and I greatly agree, aftercare is a community responsibility. With that being said; however, I find it difficult to restrict my suggestions to only what services this office can provide and have thus expanded them to include what also needs to occur in the community. I should note that what this office will be able to provide may change as the result of the hiring of new staff members.

It is difficult to state what specific services this office can provide without knowing what sorts of suggestions for future treatment the addictions counsellors are going to make in their discharge plans. That being said however I am confident that there are many different abuse issues coming to light during the group and individual sessions with the children. As this department is mandated to deal with physical, emotional, and sexual abuse issues we would attempt to provide individual, group and family counselling to those families who would be willing to accept it. This office has been considering starting up a healing circle for sexually abused children for some time now, but has decided to post-pone this until the community service worker positions have been filled.

I believe there should be a follow-up group established upon their return to continue to build on the group's current cohesiveness.

An emphasis should be placed here on relapse prevention and dealing with the issues that have currently been brought out. I feel it is important to continue the support system that is currently being established by the children.

A peer support training project should be offered to the older youths at the school. Such trained youths would not only be an assistance to those children who are returning from solvent abuse treatment in Alberta but also to other school aged youths who may have family or other problems which may lead to their involvement with solvents. If the proper information can be obtained this office would be willing to set up such training.

The band council must make gas or other solvent sniffing illegal. Having solvent abuse declared as illegal would send a message to some of the families who do not understand the dangers of solvent abuse that this behaviour among their children is harmful and needs to be stopped.

With the above thought in mind more education sessions about the dangers of solvent abuse need to be offered by the Alcohol Program. The level of understanding among many community members has been increased in the past through such events and I feel they need to continue. With this increased knowledge will also come more community support for decreasing, and eventually stopping solvent abuse within the community, as these community members will hopefully teach and remind the children of the dangers.

Increase the number of culturally relevant programs. The children should be brought out to the country shortly after their return in order to bring them back to their roots. This should not be restricted to those children who return but to all children so as the children will not continue to feel isolated from the community. This should be done through the Youth Council.

The more healthy of the returning children should be encouraged to speak with other children within the community about their own struggles in maintaining sobriety and their experiences. Perhaps Al-ateen could once again be started in Davis Inlet to support these children's efforts and give them a vehicle with which to carry this on.

Establishment of an emergency response team. In the past whenever a child was found to have been gas sniffing the child was picked up by the native constable and either returned directly to home or brought to the social worker to determine what should happen to the child. I feel that guidance needs to be given by the Band Council as to just what they feel should happen in the future whenever a child is found or reported to be abusing solvents. Should more responsibility be placed on the parents to have them search for the child? Should the social worker, native constable and alcohol program rep. take the child back to the family and speak with them

all? Should the nurses be contacted on every case of solvent abuse so as the child can be examined or should that be determined by the response team as to the necessity of clinic involvement? Should someone be hired to round up solvent abusing children as has been done in other communities? Should each child being found to solvent abusing be required to attend an education session on solvent's and the risks involved by the alcohol program? How should the school respond to children that are found to be solvent abusing prior to school and are attending school under the effects of solvents? Also should the Alcohol Program change its focus to be more proactive and go out and visit children who are known solvent abusers and speak with their parents about the child attending counselling at that program. These are just some questions that I feel need to be addressed.

It appears as though training has been attained for many of the community's different human service agencies. As this means that all of the agencies involved will have the same knowledge base it will allow our different agencies to work closer together, perhaps even being able to work together on some projects. I believe such working together should be encouraged wherever possible to show a true community approach.

The above are only suggestions and I would be interested in hearing your comments. I appreciate this opportunity to express this office's views and would also be interested in listening to your own views and suggestions on the subject. I feel the agencies in the community should continue to work closer together to help the children and this office will accept all opportunities to do so wherever possible.

Your's truly,

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