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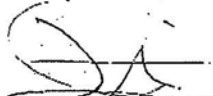
Mr. Chartier:

On behalf of the Conservative Party of Canada, I am pleased to confirm a meeting between yourself, myself, and Jeremy Harrison on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the Métis National Council office #201 - 350 Sparks Street, Ottawa.

As the Conservative Party's Critic for Indian and Northern Affairs, I take great interest in issues affecting Aboriginal Canadians today. Mr. Harrison, our Party's Critic for the portfolio of Métis Interlocutor, and I have been working closely together in order to advance Aboriginal and Métis interests.

In your correspondence of November 30, 2005, you raised very important issues concerning Métis Nation and, in such, those issues deserve to be dealt with thoroughly. Hence, Mr. Harrison and I look forward to having a meeting with you.

Yours very truly,



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Mr. Jim Prentice, QC, MP
Calgary Centre-North
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Dear Mr. Prentice:

Re: Policy Platform on Métis Issues

Thank you for your letter of December 15, 2005 in response to my letter of November 30, 2005 to the Hon. Stephen Harper, Leader of the Official Opposition seeking your Party's policy platform with respect to the Métis Nation in the current election.

You are correct in stating that the letter of November 30th raised very important issues concerning the Métis Nation and that those issues deserved to be dealt with in a thorough manner. Unfortunately, I will not be in Ottawa on the date you proposed for a meeting between yourself, Mr. Harrison and me. However, as you can see from the attached letter to Mr. Harper, I encourage the Conservative Party to provide a written response by January 3, 2006 so that our Board of Governors, meeting in Winnipeg on January 4-5, 2006 will also have the benefit of your Party's policy platform when we analyze the respective Party Policy Platforms in connection with the Métis Nation. In particular I look forward to receiving an overview of the work you and Mr. Harrison have done in advancing Métis interests as indicated in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

Clément Chartier, Q.C.
President

c.c. Métis National Council Board of Governors
Mr. Jeremy Harrison, MP

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Hon. Stephen Harper, M.P., P.C.
Leader of the Official Opposition
Conservative Party of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Harper:

Re: Policy Platform on Métis Issues

On November 30, 2005 I wrote to you in order to obtain your party's policy platform with respect to the Métis Nation in the current election. I understand that your Party expressed that it was unable to respond by the December 15, 2005 target date.

While two other Parties have been able to respond, I can understand how the timeframe may have been too short. In order to enable our Board of Governors to have a more informed dialogue at our January 4-5, 2006 meeting where we will be assessing the responses received, we would hope to receive your Party's response by January 3, 2006.

Yours sincerely,

Clément Chartier, Q.C.
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