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May 11, 2005

Rt. Hon. Paul Martin, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Langevin Block  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ONTARIO  
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Dear Prime Minister Martin:

**RE: POLICY PLATFORM ON MÉTIS ISSUES**

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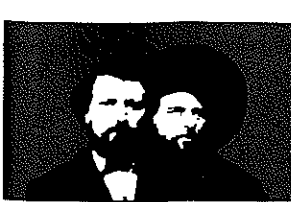
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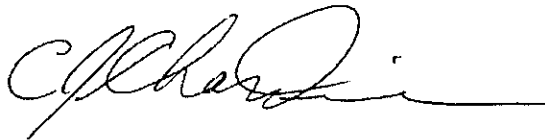
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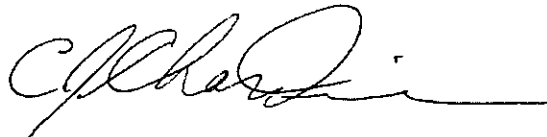
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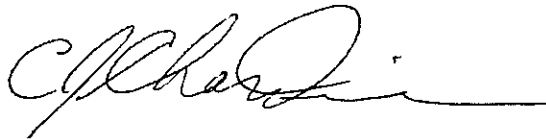
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