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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 14, 1993

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MEMORANDUM TO: SECRETARY BABBITT  
SECRETARY BROWN  
ADMINISTRATOR BROWNER  
SECRETARY ZEPY  
COUNSELLOR WIRTH  
LT. GENERAL WILLIAMS

FROM: KATIE MCGINTY

CC: TONY LIXE  
LEON FUERTH

SUBJECT: TATSHENSHINI

As you know, both the President and Vice President have expressed great interest in the Tatshenshini River in British Columbia. The river had been threatened by possible mine development at the Windy Craggy summit near the river. However, recent information suggests that the British Columbia cabinet has decided to ban mining in the Tashenshini region. The President is very interested in pursuing a joint biodiversity park with Canada that would incorporate the Tashenshini into a protected zone already present in that area with US lands such as Glacier Bay National Park and the Tongass National Forest.

The President would like to make an announcement on this with Prime Minister Mulroney when he visits on June 1. It is very important to have our plan for joint a preserve well developed by this visit. We need to begin work now.

We understand your staff may have already given thought to this idea, as an interagency working group on Windy Craggy has been meeting since last year. Nonetheless, I would like you to designate someone to attend a brief meeting on Monday, May 17, at 1:00 in room 360 of the old Executive Office Building to develop a substantive and strategic plan of action. I would like to receive a draft of the plan by c.o.b. Wednesday, May 19.

Please submit to Pam McElwee of my office, by cob today, May 14, the contacts in your agencies for our Tashenshini working group. We will need their names and birthdates for clearance; please fax them to 456-2710.

THE MINING ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## M E M O R A N D U M

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To: Jack Weisgerber, MLA Peace River South  
Fred Gingell, MLA Delta South  
David Mitchell, MLA West Vancouver

From: Gary K. Livingstone  
President & Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 21, 1993

Re: Tatshenshini

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We received a copy of this letter which we suspected existed but did not know for sure until late last week. Based on our suspicions that it did exist, we sent a fax to Prime Minister Mulroney prior to his meeting with President Clinton, to express our concern for the proposal Park announcement.

This letter is disturbing in that it refers to a decision already having been made (at least by May 14, 1993) to ban mining and that an interagency Windy Craggy working group had been meeting for sometime to discuss Windy Craggy. Our premier has stated that cabinet will be making a decision soon and that it will be a 'made in B.C. decision'.

If a White House group has been meeting to develop a substantive and strategic plan of action for Windy Craggy, who really is deciding the future for jobs in B.C.?