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Ms. S.D. McCallum Ombudsman Office of the Ombudsman 8 Bastion Square Victoria, B.C. V8W 1H9

RE: Windy Craggy

Dear Ms. McCallum:

I was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, and currently reside in Port Ludlow, Washington. I am a licensed and insured private investigator, (Montana) with years of legal education, and criminal justice schooling. I am a published author and currently have stories running in over a dozen U.S. publications. I have a book scheduled for release, on June 1, 1994 under the title of, "Walking On The Edge". A portion of the book deals with Earth First/Animal Liberation Front, an American terrorist group. This group is now moving into Canada, under the names Earth First, Native Forest Network, Rainforest Action Network and Predator Project. Another name used is Terra Prima, listing their address, as A-5 1720 Douglas St. Victoria, BC V5N 4AO, as well as many other locations.

In the last several months I have made national press in Canada, by exposing Green Peace and their connection to Earth First. (See Vancouver Province, January 9 and January 11, British Columbia Report, January 24, and February 7).

On March 9-11 I was in Vancouver, to obtain information for my new book. During the research, I received information that I believe will be of interest to you. I hope you will review the following, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at the above number. If there is any interest by yourself, or any government officials, I would be available to give you a short presentation, about the enclosed information.

1. Money from questionable U.S. environmental groups has helped some Canadian environmental groups with funding, some of which I have been told was used in the Windy Craggy issue. The documents

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enclosed are a small portion of the documentation in my possession. The enclosed are minutes from the Environmental Grantmakers Association meetings. (See pages two & eight). It is possible, that the money transfer referred to in this document is being transferred into Canada illegally. (This information was given to the RCMP).

According to my information, on May 17, 1993 at 1:00 in room 2. 360 of the Old Executive Office Building in Washington D.C. there was a meeting of several American government officials. purpose was to develop a strategic plan of action, in the Windy Craggy issue. They wanted to see a joint bio-diversity park with Canada, that would incorporate the Tatshenshini, into a protected zone.

3. It is my belief, that a recent Canadian court decision should be examined before a final decision is made on the Tatehenshini issue, it is conceivable, that it could prevent future legal problems.

Boreal Logging Deal

(Copied from Sierra Legal Defence Fund documents, dated March 1994)

The Sierra Legal Defence Fund has succeeded in a court challenge of a "backroom" deal promoting clearcut logging of a vast expanse of Alberta's Boreal Forest Wilderness. The case was brought on behalf of the Alberta branch of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee.

In 1992, Grande Alberta Paper Ltd. approached the Alberta Government with a plan to log substantial areas of north-western Alberta in order to supply two new paper mills and a sawmill the company planned to build. The Grande Alberta proposal was the latest in a string of massive forest projects slated for Alberta's once pristine boreal forests.

The company struck a deal with four provincial cabinet ministers. They signed a contract obligating the government either to enter into a forest management agreement granting Grande Alberta exclusive logging rights, or to pay the company up to \$5 million if such rights were refused by a future cabinet. In addition, the contract promised the company over \$40 million in public subsidies for roads and other infrastructure.

The agreement was inked in November, 1992, before an environmental assessment of this vast forestry proposal had even begun.

Last October, the Sierra Legal Defence Fund argued before the Court of Queen's Bench that the agreement was unlawful and should be struck down. Our arguments were threefold: first. the contract

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would prevent any future cabinet from impartially determining whether the Grande Alberta project was in Alberta's best interest; second, it would seriously undermine the creditably of an upcoming hearing into the environmental effects of the project: and third the four ministers involved had no authority to enter into such a contract.

On November 4, 1993, the court ruled in our favor, declaring the agreement unenforceable.

After the Court decision Sierra Legal staff member Stewart Elgie made the following statement. <u>"The effect of this decision is to</u> <u>underscore that government officials</u>, even ministers, <u>are not to</u> <u>decide on large scale</u> logging projects without first going through the proper approval process".

By changing a few words, it appears, the same argument could be made in the Windy Craggy issue. I believe, the above court case, could possibly give Geddes Resources, the owners of the proposed copper mining development project, a legal precedent, for a case against the Government of British Columbia.

It appears, some politicians within the U.S. Government and the American Environmental movement, including members of Earth First, helped in trashing over 2000 jobs, destine for Canadians.

The dollar amount that will be paid to the Champagne and Aishihik Native bands, the cost of a lawsuit and the possibility of a financial sattlement with Geddes Resources would have a devastating effect, on all of the taxpaying citizens of British Columbia.

I would ask you one question, would it not be better to see the decision making process proceed, with the citizen's of Canada making the decision, rather than American politician's and money from the American environmental movement?

On March 11, of this year I went to the Coast Plaza Hotel at Stanley Park in Vancouver, to a Wilderness Vision meeting, sponsored by Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society. At this meeting, I was able to identify persons from the U.S., that have admitted membership, in the American terrorist group Earth First. I have identified many Earth Firster's to your RCMP, I have been told they have been monitoring their actions, including the very people present at the Wilderness Vision meeting. This could be embarrassing to your government, if it turns out you are dealing with members of Earth First.

I would like to call to your attention two recent events that transpired in Canada, during March of this year. There were two explosive charges detonated, and simed at Hydro-Quebec. In

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Vancouver there was a bomb threat, targeted at the University of British Columbia, and some of the university's computers were sabotaged. The documentation I have shows, that these two acts are more than just a coincidence, it appears to be the act of persons connected to the terrorist group "Earth First!". These very same actions have happened in the U.S. over the last few years. Again, I have given that information to your National Security Information Section of the RCMP.

There is much more information available about this issue. I hope you, a member of your government or the Canadian press will take the time to review my allegations. A thorough investigation will only benefit the people of British Columbia.

Sincerely.

Barry R. Clausen

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