

South Central Tribal Council

Gerald Etienne
Chairman

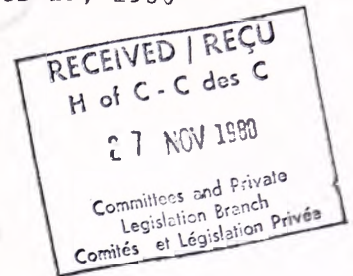
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Joint Clerks
Special Joint Committee re:
Constitution of Canada
Box 1044
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Under the British North America Act, Indians are entitled to special rights and should Mr. Trudeau succeed in the patriation of the Constitution, Indian people will be affected unjustly and unconstitutionally by a government that does not permit Indian participation in the Constitution process being proposed.

Indian people are the First Nations to this continent and demand that Indian rights be entrenched in the Constitution now, and therefore reject the proposed federal resolution in total as a hostile and aggressive measure that ignores and terminates our aboriginal and treaty rights to our homeland.

I call upon your committee now to announce that the Canadian government is dishonouring the Indian people by purposely excluding the First Nations' rights from the Constitution.

Reservationally Yours,

Gerald Etienne,
CHAIRMAN

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Our goal is Self-Sufficiency