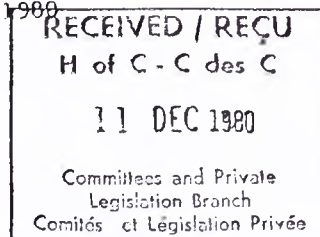


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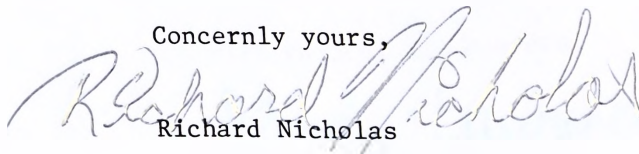
To the Government of Canada,

My feelings against the constitution is that we as Indians lose rights and beliefs in a Nation as a self governing Band. We Indian nations were the first body of people in Canada.

Settlers came over to Canada. The early settlers and our early ancestors faught, as the Queen drew up papers to protect the settlers and Indians from killing each other and still make it so each other could live together. The Queen gave Indians pieces of land to live on and rights to fish hunt, and to go to school. Eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth - you take away something from us, you have to give something back.

If the constitution goes through Trudeau will not get my vote.

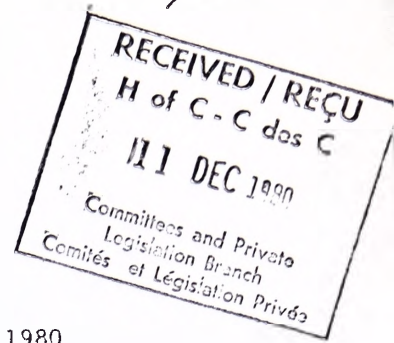
Concernly yours,


Richard Nicholas



SPALLUMCHEEN BAND

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Committee Members:

I teach on an Indian reserve in Enderby, B.C. The class members are greatly concerned over the patiation of the constitution and the question of entrenchment of Indian rights. Of special concern, is the omission of any mention of "special status" for Indians under the Charter of Rights, and freedoms. The Bill of Rights, as presently worded, would in affect make any special treatment of Indian rights discriminatory before the law. This is of great concern and anxiety to these people, because they view it as the eventual erosion of the reserve system. A system, which they feel, protects their lands and holdings.

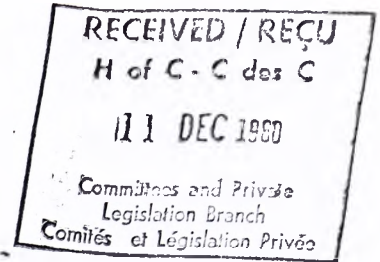
Another concern of mine is the speed with which the constitutional question is being pushed by the present government. Without the representation of the people; other than parlimentary representation, which I feel is not true representation but influenced along party lines. A referendum is in order and a public forum (even if it does take time) airing the views of the people at large and of special interest groups is the only healthy democratic solution.

With respect and concern,


Randy Lawrence

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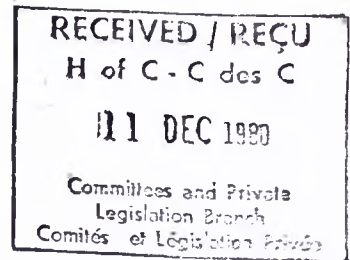
I do not like the idea of Trudeau bringing the Constitution back to Canada. I would like to live on my own reserve with my people and learn everything about my culture. I don't know, I am a young person and there is still a lot to learn with my own people. When I have kids I want them to learn their language, cultural dances, fish, hunt and culture. If the constitution comes to Canada, there will be no pow-wows to go to which I really think are interesting. I would like to stay on my reserve and still enjoy what I like doing on my reserve. Why didn't you guys ask us Indians of Canada if you could bring back the constitution?

Yours truly,

Joan Nicholas
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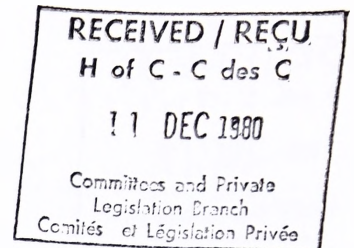
I am one of hmany thousands of Indians who does not agree to have the constitution brought back to Canada unless our aboriginal and Treaty rights are fully entrenched. I want my children and all Indian children to enjoy all the fishing and hunting rights after all, we were here first. When I listen to the beat of a drum it makes me feel very proud to be an Indian. I think back when the Indians could hunt and fish anywhere. Now we only have reserves to hunt and fish. Why does one man use his position of power to try and terminate the Indian Nations of Canada? I want all the young Indians of the future to have something that will make them proud to be from Canada. We were good enough to share this land, now Trudeau wants to take it from us. I will stand beside my Indian brothers and sisters and do anything to stop this. The original owners of this land want a say in what happens to the land that we own now.

Yours truly,

David J. McCoy

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To the Government of Canada,

My name is Ida Alexnader I'm a nineteen year old native Indian from the Spallumcheen Band. I'm writing to let you know my feelings on the constitution - so hear my words cry to you. I really don't know much on the Canadian constitution, but I know that I will be losing my rights to stand as a proud Indian. I have two children now, and I want them to grow up with their hunting and fishing rights that were given to us. I wish I could over rule Trudeau. I'd tell him he has no right to change Indian rights, the rights that were give to us as the first people of Canada. Everything should remain the same our rights should not change. I hope you do keep it that way, because it hurts me to watch the old people being hurt. If you could see them you would be hurt too.

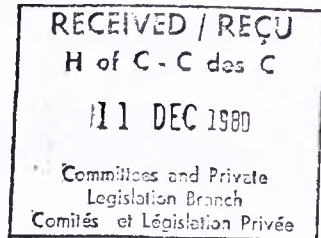
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To the Government of Canada,

I am writing to you today as an Indian and about my rights. You know I get one heck of a kick out of what you people are trying to do to us. I don't know if it is out of greed or power. But as an individual I think it's downright inhuman of the government to try to take our land away. Especially when we have survived this long after so many years. You people in the government have no right to make decisions for us, without our consultation. You have it so easy in your high classed society to make crackerjack decisions behind your desks, just like that. What I am trying to say is that in the beginning of time, the people of the government have slowly taken the rights away from Indians and I for one, don't like any bit of it. What's going to happen next? Is the government going to wipe out all rights of the human race? No matter what colour or creed until on the government have rights? These are just a couple out of a million questions I wanted to ask.

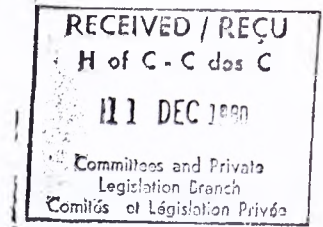
Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Bert Felix
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To the Government of Canada,

As I understand it Trudeau is really trying to take our Indian rights and lands away from us. Seems like he wants to lead the whole world. He should be happy with what he has right now. Because if we win he is going to look like a fool and for God sake I really hope we win. What will we have left? Nothing but the cloths on our backs. Look some Indians don't even understand the time we are in now. And I think it's too late for some of the elders to change the life in which their parents taught them. If Trudeau wins what is he going to use all our land for any ways? What is he too cheap to pay for any part of our land-maybe he is. That's why he is trying to take it away from us. He doesn't know how many Indians he is hurting and how much it means to us. I know for one thing the days are coming closer for the constitution and I am getting scared for our kids. Not only for me, but for our people too! Because some of our people even say it seems like we're just getting stabbed in the back from Trudeau. If we win he is going to be the one thinking he got stabbed in the back.

Yours truly,
Cheryl Felix
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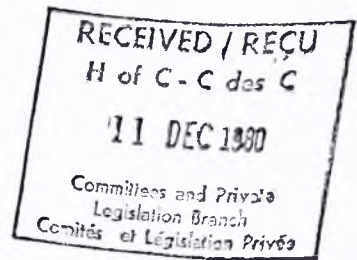
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To the Government of Canada,



As Coordinating instructor of the Spallumcheen Adult Basic Education Program the purpose of my letter is to introduce those who have written in the following pages as the very concerned youths in our community.

Their views on the constitution are the culmination of many hours of study and meetings. They are extremely aware of and astute on the constitutional issue, particularly as it pertains to Native people.

I trust you will take the time to listen to some of their gut feelings. In addition to the students, my colleague has offered some views which we share in common.

Sincerely

Alan Creighton Kelly

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Randy Lawrence

Richard Nicholas

Cheryl Felix

Bert Felix

Ida Alexander

David James Mc Coy