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Mr. Bruce Campbell
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Dear Bruce Campbell:

Following upon our recent phone conversation, I am writing to propose a monograph for publication by the CCPA. To be entitled "Privatizing Canada's Water: A Project Underway," the monograph would explore the eight private-sector consortiums that are involved in various forms of privatization of municipalities' water-supply systems across Canada.

Prompted by cuts in transfer payments initiated by the Mulroney government, cash-strapped municipalities are turning to the private-sector for water-supply infrastructure development. There are three typical forms for these arrangements: 1) build-own-operate-transfer (BOOT) deals whereby the private consortium is given a long-term, for-profit lease on the supply-system; 2) public-private partnership (P3s) whereby a combination of financing and management of infrastructure is arranged; and 3) outright privatization.

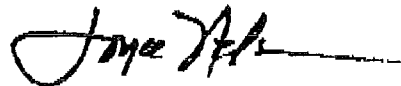
Such water-privatizing arrangements are already proceeding in Edmonton, Alberta; Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; the Hamilton-Wentworth regional municipality in Ontario; North York, Ont.; Halifax, Nova Scotia; the Ottawa suburb of Rockcliffe; Strathcona County, Alberta; York, Ont. region; Montreal and Calgary. As well, the B.C. government recently received (Aug. 16) the final report of a Public/Private Task Force which recommends P3s for infrastructure development.

The monograph would situate these projects within three larger contexts: 1) Britain's experience with water-privatization which took place in 1989 and has had devastating results; 2) NAFTA and its repercussions for water-export, particularly in terms of the pipeline companies involved in these P3s and other arrangements; and 3) the two major water-export plans - NAWAPA and GRAND; their current status and key figures, who are also involved in the private consortiums.

Given the rapidity with which these developments are happening, it would be ideal to have this monograph ready for publication by December 1996. Thus, I am proposing to fully research and write this manuscript over the next 2-3 months, for delivery to the CCPA by Dec. 1st.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

All the best,



Joyce Nelson