

March 11, 1999

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Dear Henry,

**Re: Several Offers You Can't Refuse...I Wish**

There are several podiums which very much need your presence so with both of my recent campaign hats on I come begging.

**Unparallel Opportunity**

I understand that you are going to be in Hamilton at McMaster giving a presentation on Thursday, March 25th. I am writing to ask if you would consider staying over and participating in a hearing I'm helping organize on the afternoon of the 26th in Hamilton. We had hoped that Eva Johnston could present to the hearing on Cancer Prevention but she will not be able to make it in time. Your experience at Awkesasne in prevention efforts is way ahead of the rest of us. This hearing is part of a larger series of events, with many luminaries of the people gathering to come to terms with "Everyday Carcinogens: Stopping Cancer Before it Starts" See the attached materials. We would be happy to pick up your extra expenses if you are able to extend your stay as well as offer a small honoraria.

**Perilous Opportunity**

You've probably gotten wind of the quickie IJC Reference on Water Export with hearings beginning next week on water export etc. I think it is incredibly important that you with your water wisdom of what is going on across the country for First Nations go to a hearing and make written submission. The closest hearing to you is on the 17th in Montreal. They IJC plans to do the first round in the Great Lakes and then write an interim report in six months which Lloyd Axworthy has said he will act on. Then they are going across the country doing other boundary waters. What ever we manage to get in the Great Lakes will I hope frame the debate for the rest of the boundary waters but I have nightmares about those wild western water rights types. **Today** the CCME are meeting behind closed doors on water export and it seems that the US company SUNBELT's Chapter II claim for compensation for loss of business when BC permits were withdrawn has quietly been kicked over to a trade tribunal this week. The Feds need to hear that they have some special obligations to your people that they seem to be overlooking in all of this. I have reams of information on this. Enclosed are some stuff on the hearings and CELA's action alert.

I'll try to get a hold of you tomorrow about this array of opportunities to be away from your family and work and heighten your anxiety...

I'm begging,

*Sara*