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Washington, D.C. 20547

Office of the Director 15 JUN 1984

June 14, 1984

Dear Ed:

With the enclosed, I am pleased to be able to share with you a final compilation of information on the usage resulting from WORLDNET's commemoration of NATO's 35th Anniversary.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Charles Z. Wick Director

The Honorable Edwin Meese III Counsellor to the President The White House

SIGNIFICANT REACTION TO WORLDNET NATO SPECIAL PROGRAM MAY 24, 1984

BELGIUM:

RTBF carried a three minute special summary of the program on its prime time evening newscast (3 million), including Secretary Shultz' reply to a question of fair burden sharing.

<u>Le Soir</u> (215,000) carried an article and Belga National News Agency summarized Secretary Shultz' views as well as those of Mr. Tindemans.

A frontpage story under the heading "Belgium Remains Prepared to Deploy Missiles" in the <u>Catholic Gazet Van Antwerpen</u> (194,000) said that Foreign Minister Tindemans by emphasizing that Belgium will honor its commitments "wiped away all doubts about the installation or non-installation of the 48 cruise missiles on Belgian soil."

De Morgen (54,000) carried the following item on the program: "Minister Tindemans told BRT radio yesterday that he judged from the Reagan remarks that foreign problems are increasingly 'a specialist's job'. In the same radio interview the Minister cited his wife as a 'witness beyond suspicion' to state that Reagan may have made a mere slip of the tongue. Tindemans yesterday was one of the stars of the interational 'talk show' which was broadcast from the RTBF studios. Also participating were, among others, NATO Commander Rogers, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Perle and Le Monde editor Andre Fontaine, while via satellite Tindemans' American colleague Shultz also spoke. Tindemans said: 'Belgium will honor its NATO commitments -- but continues to evaluate the evolution of the situation. It is important to make public opinion realize

how much Europe is directly involved in NATO decisions and that the European countries themselves are the ones who asked Washington to deploy the Euromissiles.'"

CANADA:

Embassy Ottawa reports that the audiences in both Ottawa and Montreal were effusive in their praise of the program. Turnout at Ambassador Robinson's residence was heavy with NATO Ambassadors, military attaches, Canadian press and government. In Montreal, one member of the audience of press and NATO Consular representatives stated: "how wonderful it is to sit in Canada and finally hear some good European views."

Global TV fashioned a major news item out of the event for May 24 early and late evening newscasts repeated in May 25 noon news show. While it emphasized the local angle of the Trudeau "Peace Initiative" it also repeated at some length Secretary Shultz' response to the six-nation nuclear freeze proposal explaining the danger of leaving all deployments to one side.

DENMARK:

Copenhagen reports that their first participation in WORLDNET was a highly successful experience appreciated by all who attended. Print media coverage was substantial and upbeat, and Danish T.V. used over three minutes in its prime time evening newscast on May 24, carrying its correspondent's question to Secretary of State Shultz as well as as a question from the Hague on INF. TV correspondent Karin-Lis Svarre described the Secretary as "friendly and diplomatic."

Berlingske Tidende (conservative) reported: "Questions and answers were issued at the first major trans-atlantic press conference and security policy dialogue via TV and satellite taking place between Western Europe and North America, an unusual media event on the occasion of NATO's 35th anniversary and an example of the democratic openess which characterizes Western defense cooperation....[Shultz] stated that 'NATO is strong and our best guarantee for peace.' This was the prevailing theme of the lengthy dialogue between the many capitals...."

Under a story in <u>Information</u> (leftist) headlined "New Era with TV Communication Brings Washington Nearer," correspondent Jorgen Dragsdahl says: "From studios in the American embassy

journalists had the possibility to raise direct questions to top members of the Reagan administration...Danish journalists have not been included in previous telecasts but the 35th anniversary of NATO allowed the circle to be extended to include 14 countries...After drawing straws the invited press were allowed to address questions to the color TV monitor...The American embassy has great expectations for regular meetings via satellite which also can include others besides the media. For example, European and American artists can meet and exchange viewpoints...A new era has begun."

Conservative <u>Jyllands-Posten</u>'s Nils Thostrup wrote: "The U.S. government has begun utilizing satellite technology in order to be able to include its partners in the NATO alliance in quick debates on mutual problems....Thursday the American embassy in Denmark was linked up on this network on the occasion of NATO's 35th anniversary...."

Social Democratic Aktuelt's foreign affairs editor stated: "NATO is alive and well. Despite minor problems things are going pretty well. This is what TV viewers were told yesterday by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, seconded by politicians and experts from the U.S. and Europe...."

Kristeligt Dagblad (independent Christian) wrote: "The questions of the journalists from the 16 countries were transmitted back and forth between the U.S. and Europe via satellite. [The press conference] centered around the intermediate range missiles. The situation in the Gulf area and the possibility of renewed negotiations...."

FRANCE:

Agence France Presse carried a four paragraph dispatch reporting Secretary Shultz's reaction to President Mitterrand's remarks on the necessity of European defense and the Secretary's comments on Spain's joining the NATO alliance.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Attendees to this program generally found it of considerable interest and praiseworthy.

BBC Russian Service prepared a 6 minute segment on the transmission which went out on the Russian Service's Weekend Magazine show (repeated twice on May 26 and 27).

WEST GERMANY:

Embassy Bonn noted that audiences in the capital and Munich felt that the program appropriately commemorated the anniversary of NATO by demonstrating that this Alliance of sixteen democratic states reaches its decisions through a process of consultation and discussion, in stark contrast to the Warsaw pact.

Suddeutsche Zeiting weekend edition (May 26/27) (478,000 circ.) reported Secretary Shultz's statement that the U.S. Administration's planned strategic defense initiative did not represent a serious obstacle to the NATO alliance as well as the Secretary's comments about the possibility of a neutralist government in West Germany (which he saw as unlikely) and about the need for greater European defense expenditures.

Bayrischer Rundfunk (BR) closed its 6:45 PM television newscast Thursday with a 90-second feature on Munich's participation in EURONET.

ICELAND:

The special NATO WORLDNET program was broadcast for one hour and fifteen minutes on Icelandic State Television on Friday, May 25, starting at 10:30 PM. The commitment of such a large block of time to a political issue is unusual for state television.

Morgunbladid, Iceland's largest daily, noted the NATO broadcast in an editorial on May 27. "The television program telecast on the 24th that was done simultaneously in all NATO member states and was shown here...confirmed once again that NATO is the strongest peace movement that has been established since the end of the Second World War and even further back in history. Of course, no one is in full agreement on everything that NATO has done, but the overwhelming opinion in the member states is that a more sound option than military cooperation between the member states is not possible if they want to ensure their security and independence."

"It is necessary to keep this in mind when one listens to the various outcries and sensationalism in the name of peace. For a long time, the Soviet propaganda machine has been busy portraying Kremlin leaders, whoever they may be, as the greatest peace chiefs of the world. Now, even as the Soviet Army is decimating the people of Afghanistan, the peace drums have been beaten harder than ever in the hope that their sound will drown out the cries of agony and the bomb percussions from Afghanistan...."

"As Leo Tindemans said during the NATO WORLDNET interview on TV, 'Who is not for peace and against nuclear weapons?' Of course, everyone chooses peace without nuclear weapons, but there are only a few who find it necessary to advertise themselves as the saviours of mankind with that view on their lips."

Thodviljinn, Iceland's most leftist-leaning daily, carried a major article on May 25 that was remarkable in its content since it was generally more evenhanded than what is expected of the newspaper which is the strongest print critic of the NATO base and Iceland's participation in the alliance.

ITALY:

Rome

The special WORLDNET program on the occasion of NATO's 35th anniversary received coverage by major newspapers and electronic media throughout Italy.

Italian television's moderate Channel One News (TG-1), which was on the site with a correspondent and crew, carried a clip on its late-night "TG-Notte" broadcast (275,000). The clip, narrated by Fabrizio Del Noce, highlighted his one INF-related question and used a variety of visuals from the program.

Moderate GR-2 -- Channel Two Radio News -- carried brief summaries of the broadcast on its morning news roundups on May 24 (1.4 million).

Leftist, influential <u>La Repubblica</u> (260,000) headlined its report "Shultz: We Shall Not Give In to The Kremlin."

Caludio Lanti in leading conservative <u>Il Giornale</u> (182,000): "'NATO is strong and firm,' said the U.S. Secretary of State Shultz"....During the many-voiced debate the defensive nature of the pact was repeatedly stressed. Lanti followed with a summary of the program's views, listed theme by theme.

Rome's conservative <u>Il Tempo</u> (130,000) called Secretary Shultz "cautious and positive at the same time." The headline: "Shultz: 'There Will Be No Concessions To Bring Moscow Back to the Negotiating Table.'"

<u>Il Popolo</u> (80,000): "It was not only a celebration, but also an occasion for debate and study. What's the present status of health of the 35-year old alliance? Almost everybody says it is good, even if there are problems."

The longest article on the program appeared in radical left <u>Il Manifesto</u> (30,000) under headline: "35 Years of NATO, Shultz makes a Television Toast to Peace and to Cruise Missiles."

Milan

Overall, the EURONET transmission to Milan was a great success. The inaugural telecast of EURONET in Milan attracted television and press coverage on a national and regional level.

An estimated audience of 100,000 viewed the RAI 3 evening newscast for the Lombardy region which devoted three minutes to the EURONET transmission.

Corriere Della Sera (502,000), Italy's top circulation, centrist daily carried an article on EURONET on the day of the transmission and covered the program the following day, May 25, on its foreign affairs page. Headline read: "Shultz Live on Television: European Plan for Common Defense a Contructive Step."

L'Avvenire, the national Catholic daily, covered the transmission in a five-column wide box on the front page. The headline read: "NATO, A Choice of Peace" with subhead: "Anniversaries: Press Conference of Shultz via Satellite with the Capitals of the Alliance."

Naples

The foreign editor of Naples' <u>Il Mattino</u>, Almerico Di Meglio, gave a lengthy, positive story on the program under the headlines: "Deterrence: Strategy for Peace; Shultz for the NATO's 35 Years."

NORWAY:

A 3-column story headlined: "International Press Conference via Satellite," focused on the program, its participants, and types of questions. Aftenposten, (independent conservative)

In a story that illustrated the timeliness of the program, the Dagbladet (sensationalist liberal) focused on the answer Assistant Secretary of Defense Perle gave to a question about a nuclear freeze. The reporter asking the question came straight from the Parliament which the same day approved nearly unanimously a report favoring a freeze. Dagbladet in its five column story headlined, "Freeze: Cold Shoulder from USA" said:

"Richard Perle said almost the exact opposite of the Norwegian parliament. He denied that a nuclear freeze is an advantage for the disarmament effort, and said that a freeze would increasingly place the West in a worse situation, with the deterrent force gradually losing its credibility."

PORTUGAL:

An estimated 4.5 million people saw RTP's (Portugal's state-owned and only television station) prime-time evening broadcast May 29, which aired major portions of May 24 WORLDNET special The feature lasted for over an hour and included introductory film, Shultz and Tindeman's interviews and the two panel discussions. In addition to WORLDNET's "man-in-the-street interviews," RTP included a couple of their own.

SPAIN:

The May 24 WORLDNET special was well covered in the Spanish media: a full minute on Spanish television, broad radio coverage and articles in Madrid's three leading dailies on May 25th. In addition to journalists, the program at the Embassy was attended by representatives from the Office of the Spokesman of the Prime Minister, the Ministry of Defense and three political parties.

TURKEY:

Turkey's first participation in WORLDNET programming was highly successful. The NATO special generated great interest among working journalists and attracted an invited audience that included the Director of Turkish Television, Director of the Government of Turkey's Press Office, several Members of Parliament and other foreign policy analysts.

Ankara reports that TRT Television ran a six minute segment on their main news broadcast, featuring Turkish questions, answers and in-studio visuals.

Semi-official Anatolian News Agency distributed story with excerpts, and the report was carried in <u>Milliyet</u> (liberal - 232,122).

Both Tercuman (259,000 - conservative) and Bulvar (177,000 - sensational) carried stories including color pictures of TRT studio scene (frontpage in Tercuman). Cumhuriyet and Gunes (232,000 - popular/family) both carried brief items emphasizing "boycott."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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TO:

ROBERT MCFARLANE (Coordinate with James Rosebush)

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FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

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SUBJ:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING:

NATO Ministerial Working Dinner

DATE:

May 30, 1984

TIME:

7:30 pm

DURATION:

2 hours

LOCATION:

Residence

REMARKS REQUIRED:

Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE:

If any, coordinate with Press Office

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PARTICIPATION:

No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

SUBJECT:

Checklist for Presidential Events

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	Notify and clear all participants. (Full name, social security number, date of birth).
·	Prepare and submit briefing paper to Richard Darman's Office by 3:00 pm of the preceding day. (14 copies)
	Coordinate with David Fischer (x2168) on Presidential involvement.
	Coordinate with Mark Weinberg in the Press Office (x2100) regarding Press Coverage. Indicate hometowns of participants.
	If remarks are required, coordinate with the Speechwriters Office (x6266) well in advance.
	Coordinate with the Advance Office (x7565) for Rose Garden events.
	For Rose Garden events, clear and reserve a backup location in case of inclement weather.
	If participant brings a gift, contact John Hilboldt in the White House Gift Unit ($x7133$) for handling.
	If any foreign visitor or dignitary is to be involved, please coordinate with Robert Kimmitt of the NSC (x3044).
	Submit a complete, confirmed list of staff and attendees, identified by title, as well as the actual starting and completion times, to the President's Diarist, Office of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling (x7560) within five (5) days after the event.
	When parking has been approved, coordinate with West Wing ushers; and inform gate of arrival time and—number of vehicles.
·.	If tent name cards are needed, send a list of names to Social Secretary's office (x7064) at least 48 hours in advance.
	For West Wing Meetings all room arrangements (chairs, notepads, pencils, etc.) should be made through Carl Jones (x2275) or Nell'Yates (x2605).
Resider	nce Events
	Coordinate with the Social Secretary's office (x7064) for all arrangements.
	Coordinate with the Advance Office (x7565) for logistical support.
	Send guest list to Social Secretary's office, preferably three weeks prior to the event.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 28, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES G. ROSEBUSH

FROM:

ROBERT M. KIMMITT Bok

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Reagan's Tea in Honor of NATO

Foreign Ministers Wives

Attached are suggested talking points, prepared by the Department of State, for Mrs. Reagan's use at her tea on May 30 in honor of the wives of NATO Foreign Ministers.

Attachment

Tab A - Suggested Talking Points

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TALKING POINTS FOR MRS. REAGAN'S TEA THE WHITE HOUSE 4:00 PM, MAY 30, 1984

- -- I am honored to welcome you to the White House this afternoon.
- -- It is a particular pleasure because the U.S. does not often have the opportunity of serving as host to a meeting of NATO foreign ministers. The last time was in 1969.
- -- I hope that your schedules will allow you to see something of our beautiful country and of Washington and its surroundings.
- -- I look forward to seeing once again the magnificent sights of your continent when the President and I visit in a few days.
- -- Our own gathering today is very much in keeping with the spirit of NATO. The Alliance was founded not only to defend us but also to bring our peoples closer together on all levels. It is an expression of our enduring ties to Europe.
- -- We enjoy peace and well-being today because of the strength of our Western community.
- -- We have a responsibility to preserve that community and the unity of belief and principle which we enjoy.
- -- This meeting is a splendid and symbolically important opportunity to do just that, since NATO was founded in Washington exactly thirty-five years ago this spring. I hope this will be for all of us a pleasant as well as a meaningful anniversary.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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May 25, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: NAC Ministerial -- Talking Points for Mrs. Reagan's

Tea In Honor of Wives of NATO Foreign Ministers,

4:00 PM, May 30, 1984

Attached are suggested talking points for Mrs. Reagan's use during her tea in honor of the wives of NATO foreign ministers. They will have accompanied their husbands to Washington for the ministerial meeting of the North Atlantic Council.

in Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Talking points.

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May 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER PL

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Reagan's Tea in Honor of NATO

Foreign Ministers Wives

RECOMMENDATION

Per our discussion, that you sign the Tab I memo to Jim Rosebush.

Approve ___K

Disapprove ____

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Tab A - Suggested Talking Points

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August 23, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

PETER R. SOMMER

SUBJECT:

Meeting with Lord Carrington

Don Mahley and I are working on a separate memo concerning the Carrington visit and a possible NATO initiative on conventional force improvements. Carrington is scheduled to meet with the President for 20 to 30 minutes on Tuesday, September 11.

State has now suggested -- and we second their request -- that you meet with Carrington for an additional 30 minutes following the President's meeting. You had what I thought was a useful meeting with him in the spring and a separate session in September would offer the opportunity for a more detailed discussion of NATO's challenges. Carrington is especially interested in increasing Congressional understanding of Europe's contributions to the common defense and he has placed a high priority on strengthing NATO's public diplomacy efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you meet with Carrington from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11.

Approve CM Disapprove Disapprove Don Mahley and Steve Steiner concur.

cc: Jack Matlock Don Fortier

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cc: Jack Matlock

Don Fortier

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idias Joyce Melean Chairperson Greenpease Foundation of Canada 427 Bloor Street West Toronto, Ontario MSS 1X7 Canada

Dear Miss McLeam

Thank you for your recent letter to President Reagan concerning low-level NATO aircraft operations over the Quebec-Labrador territory and the INNU culture area known locally as Ntesinan.

You will appreciate that as chief executive of our government, as well as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, the President cannot possibly respond personally to each communication addressed to him. Consequently, the President has directed that each Executive agency designate an official as the White House liaison officer who is charged with the responsibility of giving correspondence such as yours the same careful consideration the President would, were he able to do so himself. This is my responsibility in the Air Force and the reason I am answering.

Investigation reveals that in 1981, after the Canadian Department of National Defense (DND) conducted on initial Environmental Evaluation of low-level flying training which showed negligible adverse impact on the environment, the German Air Porce (GAF) was granted permission to begin low-level flying training with F-4 Phantom aircraft. Similar training by the Reyal Air Force (RAF) began in the 1960s.

The low-level flying training of up to 12 RAF aircraft and 20 GAF aircraft is restricted to two special-use airspaces. Low-level training down to 188 feet is permitted only within these two special-use airspaces. Elsewhere, higher altitude or avoidance restrictions prevail.

Within the two approved areas, two tactical ranges (each eight nautical miles in diameter) have tentatively been agreed to by the province for training use provided that nonexplosive and noncontaminate devices are used. This type of training is not to begin until environmental and provincial concerns have been addressed.

When approval was given for the low-level flying training agreement with Germany, DND and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs (DiNA) were directed to institute efforts to respond to native concerns. The Province of Newfoundland is planning further studies on the impact of low-level flying training on the environment and, in particular, on the earlbou. The DND has offered to provide support to the Province of Newfoundland in their efforts.

OSDWH 09575 AF/LEEVX Aircraft operations are planned to avoid sensitive areas as much as possible including avoidance of both native and nonnative population concentrations, known hunting and fishing camps/parties, areas used by nonmilitary aviation, and migratory bird areas (to protect aircrews as well as the public).

The DND receives periodic advice from government environmental agencies which enables military aircraft to avoid most caribou concentrations and to adjust flying operations during calving season and the annual early migratory period. No caribou herds are resident to the low-level training areas but they can migrate through the area. Portions of training areas can be closed off in the event of migrating caribou.

The USAF uses Goose Bay mainly for European support and related exercises primarily involving a Military Airlift Command (MAC) detachment. These operations are at high altitude and do not operate over the established low-level training areas. American fighter operations in the low-level training areas are very infrequent (by historical patterns, once a year for a one-week period) and involve a mixture of low and medium-altitude aircraft operations conforming to approved low-level training airspace. The USAF is not deployed on a full-time basis for low-level training.

When United States aircraft conduct operations outside the United States, they are required to adhere to agreements with the host country to comply with their rules and regulations governing eviation and thus conduct our aircraft operations accordingly.

I appreciate the opportunity to explain the conditions which control United States Air Force flying activities in the Goose Bay area. Your concern regarding this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

W. B. DRIGGERS, JR. Colonel, USAF

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 29, 1984

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

MISS JOYCE MCLEAN

CHAIRPERSON

GREENPEACE FOUNDATION OF CANADA

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SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING NATO MANEUVERS WITHIN THE

QUEBEC-LABRADOR TERRITORY AND THE INNU

PEOPLE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO: AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

> SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Doug Holladay

29 October 1984

Ronald Reagan President United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Greenpeace Foundation of Canada, I am writing to express our opposition to the trauma to and the militarization of the Innu culture, against their expressed wishes. We are deeply concerned, as well, about the disruption to the ecosystem within the Quebec - Labrador territory in Canada that the Innu call Ntesinan.

The airforces of the United States, West Germany, United Kingdom and Canada use Ntesinan for low-level military aircraft training and bombing ranges. Although the maneuvers are through NATO contracts, the Innu have never been consulted. They "state their total opposition to the use of their territory, most of which is actual or potential caribou range, for the purpose of low-level military flight training and bombing practices. The opposition is absolute."

The Innu document specific reasons for their objections:

1. Their culture is based on hunting and fishing. During the hunting season, the Innu scatter in mobile units of 2 or 3 families across the huge Ntesinan area. Their children - never exposed to even major traffic noise - are traumatized when the silent Phantom jets sneak up on their canoe or tent and explode into sound so close overhead that the exhaust ripples the lake water and the canvas on their tent. It is estimated that the jets fly as low as 30 feet, contrary to the minimum flight level of 250 feet. Children refuse to leave the camps and the hunters cannot leave for the required week-long hunting trip for fear their children will run away in terror of the planes.

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2. The Innu further point out that the wildlife, their source of food, is also traumatized by the low-level flights. Beavers, rabbits, partridge and porcupines are going into hiding and are noticeably losing weight. The caribou herds, in particular, are migrating south out of the territory.

Not only is the Innu livelihood threatened but the family is also under great strain. They state unequivocally that their traditional way of life is in jeopardy.

3. The third area of particular concern to Greenpeace is ecological. The Innu have supplied us with ample evidence of the disruption that these flights have on the ecosystem. They point to jet exhaust polluting water systems and poisoning the lake sands with an oily, smelly film that leaves behind dead fish and animals, as well as undrinkable water. Trees and boughs are burned and drying out -- so dry, in fact, that the Innu can no longer use the boughs as tent flooring. They point to wide-spread disruption of natural caribou migration patterns, calving range abandonment, a decreased live birth rate and broken eardrums, as a result of the low-level flights. The Innu document negative effects observed in other animals such as waterfowl and osprey.

Greenpeace urges the United States to acknowledge the distress of the Innu and the destruction to the environment and immediately stop low-level military activities over Ntesinan.

Sincerely,

Toyoe McLean Chairperson

Greenpeace Foundation of Canada.

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c.c. The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada Javier Perez de Cuellar, Secretary General, United Nations Peter Penashue, Innu Movement Peter Dykstra, Greenpeace Foundation, Washington, D.C. Bureau Régional de Toronto



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16 October 1984

The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney Prime Minister of Canada Langevin Block Ottawa, Ontario KlA OA2.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter of support to Peter Penashue of the Innu Campaign against the militarization of Ntesinan. The Greenpeace Foundation feels very strongly that the environment of Quebec and Labrador is being damaged by the low-level, high-speed fighter bomber training that the Government of Canada allows to occur in that region.

The Innu point to a widespread disruption of natural caribou migration patterns, calving range abandonment and a decreasing live birth rate as a result of low-level flights. Negative effects have, also, been observed with other animals such as waterfowl, osprey, beaver and porcupine, in addition to human disuption. The Innu have supplied us with ample evidence of the disruption these flights are having on themselves and on their ecosystem.

It is simply not good enough for the Canadian government to say that no conclusive proof exists as to this disruption. It is, also, not good enough for the government to hide behind our commitment to NATO, once again, on an issue that impacts not only upon our environment but, also, on the issue of world peace.

Logic alone should be enough to suggest that low-level flights of supersonic war planes would undoubtedly have a disruptive impact upon a wilderness environment.

If any politician, bureaucrat, military person or scientist should question this logic, we would suggest most strongly that they spend one day beneath the approach to any major airport runway in this country. We at Greenpeace feel certain that they would report back that they had been severely disrupted as a result of this exercise.

With this in mind, we call upon you to bring an end to these test flights which are conducted by Canada, Great Britain, West Germany and the United States. We call upon the government of Canada to abandon these tests of the weapons of war and to leave the caribou, the waterfowl and the Innut in peace.

Sincerely,

Jøyce McLean,

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Greenpeace Foundation, Canada.

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c.c. The Hon. R.C. Coates, Minister of National Defence
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