MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE INQUIRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS BY EACH OF

- (a) CANADIAN ARCTIC GAS PIPELINE LIMITED FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT MIGHT BE GRANTED ACROSS CROWN LANDS WITHIN THE YUKON TERRITORY AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, and
- (b) FOOTHILLS PIPE LINES LTD. FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT MIGHT BE GRANTED ACROSS CROWN LANDS WITHIN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PROPOSED MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT REGIONALLY OF THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND SUBSEQUENT ABANDONMENT OF THE ABOVE PROPOSED PIPELINE

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice Berger, Commissioner)

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Rae Lakes, N.W.T. 1 2 August 13, 1976 (PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT) 3 THE COMMISSIONER: Well, I'll 4 call our hearing to order. I think you know why I'm 5 here. I am Judge Berger and I am here to find out what 6 7 you think about the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline. There are two companies, 8 Arctic Gas and Foothills Pipelines that want to build a 9 pipeline to bring gas from the Arctic Ocean to the big 10 cities and industries in southern Canada and the United 11 States, That pipeline, if it were built, would be built 12 along the Mackenzie Valley. 13 Now, the Government of Canada 14 has not decided whether they will let the companies 15 build a pipeline or not. Before they decide, they want 16 to know what you think about it and that's why I'm 17 here, to find out what you, the people who live here in 18 the North, think about the idea. 19 I think I should tell you that 20 21 the government is going ahead on the basis that if a gas 22 pipeline is built, then an oil pipeline will be built after the gas pipeline. So that what we are considering 23 is an energy corridor along the Mackenzie Valley that 24 would carry gas and oil; a gas pipeline buried beneath 25 the ground and an oil pipeline elevated above the ground. 26 Now, I asked representative 27 of the companies that want to build the gas pipeline to 28 come here with me today so that they could listen to 29 what you had to say and so that you could later on ask

them any questions, if you wanted to. Now, they want to build a gas pipeline and the gas pipeline along the Mackenzie Valley, if it were built, would be the largest project every undertaken by private enterprise in the history of the world.

It would take three years to lay the pipe, six thousand workers would be needed to build the pipeline and if the pipeline were built, there would be expanded exploration by way of seismic crews and seismic exploration activity throughout the Mackenzie Valley and extending onto the land on both sides of the Valley.

Now, it's not up to me to decide whether this pipeline should be built or not. That is for the Government of Canada. It may be that in the national interest it will have to be built. It may be that it will not have to be built. But before the government decides what to do, they want to know what you think about it and that is why I have been to over thirty communities along the route of the pipeline, along the Mackenzie Valley to hear what the people, Indian, Metis, Inuit and White people to hear what all of them think about it.

That's why I'm here today. Let me put it this way, I'm not here to tell you that the pipeline is a good thing and I'm not here to tell you that it's a bad thing. If it is built, it will bring changes to the Mackenzie Valley and--I'll explain it in this way. I'm not here to tell you that the pipeline is a good thing and I'm not here to tell you

 that it's a bad thing. If a gas pipeline is built then an oil pipeline will follow it.

If a gas pipeline is built, there will be opportunities for people living here. in Rae Lakes to work on the pipeline, to have jobs on the pipeline and that will mean that they will have a chance to earn money as long as work on the pipeline lasts, As I told you, there will be increased exploration for oil and gas throughout the Mackenzie Valley and beyond if the pipeline is built.

So, I want to know what you think about it because I have to report to the government and tell them what you think about it, So, I'm here to listen to you. I want to know about the way you live, about your hopes for the future, for yourselves and your children, because we cannot understand the impact of large scale frontier development here in the North unless we understand what your attitudes are toward industrial development.

I didn't come all by myself as you will have noticed and these young people with the masks are just taking down everything that I say and that you will say on tape so that it can be typed up and then we will send the written record of everything that is said here today to Rae Lakes, to Chief Arrowmaker, so that you will know--you will have a written record of everything that was said today.

These other people that came 1 2 with me are from the CBC's northern broadcasting unit which broadcasts on the radio each evening. 3 Joe Tobie broadcasts in Dogrib. Louis Blondin who 4 broadcasts in Slavey, Jim Sittichinli who 5 broadcasts in Loucheux, Abe Ookpik who broadcast 6 in Eskimo and Whit Fraser who broadcasts in 7 8 English and in addition to them, there are some people from newspapers and magazines in southern 9 Canada, because people throughout Canada want to 10 know what is going to happen in the North, want to 11 know what you think about it. 12 I've talked enough now and 13 I'll ask Chief Arrowmaker to begin, if you would, 14 15 Chief. 16 MADELINE CHOCOLATE sworn as interpreter. 17 PETER ARROWMAKER sworn as interpreter. (MADELINE CHOCOLATE TRANSLATES ABOVE INTO DOGRIB) 18 19 CHIEF ARROWMAKER sworn: THE INTERPRETER: We are here 20 21 today. We have just heard what Judge Berger has 22 just said. He said, the subject we are going to 23 talk about is the gas pipeline, we have often, in the past, looked forward to talking to or meeting 24 representative of the government and now Judge 25 Berger is here and whatever we have on our minds 26 we should say. If we want to talk about fishing, 27 we should speak about fishing, hunting, trapping, 28 whatever is on their mind. 29 30 We lead a very hard life, he

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have your name?

We go hunting on the winter road and when we do go hunting, we see very many caribou on the winter road. He says, we are not only speaking for ourselves, we are speaking for our kids and our future kids. said, whatever we have to say here today, we should be speaking for our kids in the future. He says, like I said, we had often wanted to meet a representative of the government and now that you're here, maybe we can say all that we had on our minds and he says, 10 seeing as I've said enough, maybe I can say some 11 more again before the end of the meeting. 12 The government has been very 13 good to us, he says. There were times when they had no 14 15 money and the government stepped in and gave them 16 welfare and gave them family allowance and wherever they wanted it, they gave them aid. When this pipeline 17 should be built, he says that there will be jobs for a 18 19 lot of people. We should be thankful. But then again, we don't 20 21 really want this pipeline, he says. That is about 22 all I have to say. The people who are sitting next 23 to me will be coming up to say their speech. 24 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you 25 Chief. (WITNESS ASIDE) 26 THE INTERPRETER: Now that you are here, I would like take advantage of this 27 28 opportunity and say a few words to you. 29 THE COMMISSIONER: Could I

THE INTERPRETER: Philip Zoe. 1 2 PHILIP ZOE sworn: THE INTERPRETER: He says, 3 he'd like to welcome you here in Rae Lakes and that 4 he's glad you are here listening and he also said 5 6 that their way of living consists mostly of hunting, fishing and trapping and he says, life 7 8 isn't very easy. The land here has been very good to us and has provided all they needed like fish 9 and meat. 10 The gas pipeline, he says 11 We don't want it. 12 it's too close to us. We don't want it at all. During the winter it's very cold 13 and he says often life isn't very good out here. 14 15 Sometimes when they haven't got anything, they have 16 to go out in the bush and get it. He says, that's 17 all I have to say. 18 (WITNESS ASIDE) 19 BRUNO APPLE sworn: THE INTERPRETER: First I'd 20 21 like to introduce him. That's Bruno Apple and he thanks you for being here and for the people coming 22 23 to listen to what the people have to say. Life hasn't been very easy in the past and it's unlikely 24 it will be any easier in the future. 25 26 He says he'd like to say a few words on the pipeline. He says, this land here 27 provides all the meat and fish and everything that 28 they need to live on and he says that we hate to 29 30 see all these things go when the pipeline gets

through and he also said that our real parents have long deceased and this land is like our own father and mother. They provide all the meat and fish and everything that they need.

He says, out here it's very cold and during the winter they build a winter road from Rae to Great Bear and sometimes when they go hunting on the winter road, they rarely see any caribou at all on the road. When they go hunting around that area, they hardly see any moose or caribou. He says, even if they catch small, little animals, he says they still live on that.

This pipeline that they are talking about building, they shouldn't build it too close to where the animals live. We, who live this way of life, like living this way, he says. We don't want to see this pipeline built. Even when they go hunting in the winter road, they hardly owe across any animals but if this pipeline should get across the Valley, he says, it's unlikely they will see any animals when we go hunting near it.

If this pipeline should get through, there's going to be a lot of people here. When this pipeline gets through, it's going to be like the end of the world here. He says, when we have forest fires here, they are not small forest fires. They are large forest fires. They destroy a lot of land. He says these animals here that are on the land, he says they live off of them and even if you give them money, the money won't replace the

 animals that are gone.

This land here provides all fur bearing animals and whenever they go trapping, they get their money off the fur. He says, though the money won't last very long, he says we're still against this pipeline. He says, this land here has been very good to us. The little kids here who are now out with their mothers, like the little babies and little boys who are out playing, then in the future they're going to need this land to live on.

He says, we love our kids and if this pipeline should be built, the pipeline is going to sweep the animals away from this land. He says, I have said what was on my mind. I have attended a lot of meetings here in the Northwest, he says, and we have often at the meetings talked about not having any big projects go through on the land.

He said, this pipeline, they have made up some—he said that they are against any development on the land. He says, we, who live off this land, don't want the pipeline at all. He also said that the White men don't live off the land like we do. So, it's not important to them whether they have this pipeline or not. He says he wants to thank you for listening to what he just said and he said there's a lot of people here who would also like to speak, so that's about all he's going to say and maybe at the end of the meeting he'll say another few words.

(WITNESS ASIDE)

THE COMMISSIONER: Fine. 1 2 Thank you very much. 3 HARRY SIMPSON sworn: 4 5 THE INTERPRETER: Harry Simpson. He says he 'd like to welcome you here to 6 7 Rae Lakes and that he's happy that you would hear 8 his speech. He says that when fall comes 9 around it gets very cold up here and he says it's 10 very hard when they go off in the bush and he says 11 this pipeline that they are talking about; 12 sometimes during-the winter it goes to about sixty-13 five to forty below and it won't be good out here 14 15 for the pipeline. 16 He says all the people here that are with me, they also come around with their 17 families and their kids and they go off in the bush 18 19 around the end of September and he says, by that time it's very cold and sometimes when it gets 20 21 really cold you can see the rocks just crack and 22 break and that also goes for some trees he says. 23 He says it gets very cold out here during the winter and sometimes when they 24 go off to their nets, sometimes they catch about 25 26 five to maybe four fish and if other families don't have anything to eat, they would share this fish 27 that they catch. We love this land that we are 28 29 living on and because we love it, he says we teach 30 our little kids who have gotten to the age where

they can go hunting and go in the bush with their fathers and they teach them their way of life.

It's because of our kids that we don't want this pipeline to go through. He said on your way up here I'm sure you must have looked out the window and seen all the little lakes and waters as you came up here, he says, and when winter comes it gets very cold up here and if they should build this pipeline, it's liable to freeze.

When the cold winter comes, not only his family leaves for the bush but a lot of other families leave together and when everyone needs help, why they all help one another. If this pipeline should go through, he said it's going to be hard to live off the land. He says that he is happy to see you here today. He thinks now the government will get some sort of idea how the people live out in the bush. That's all he has to say. There's some other that would like to speak too. (WITNESS ASIDE)

ANDREW GON sworn:

THE INTERPRETER: That's

Andrew Gon and he said this land that we're talking about, he says, we love this land. Often there is some White people that would come here and work on the land and then whenever they object, those people would sort of ignore them and not listen but he said now that you're a representative of the government and he said he's happy that you've got an open ear and will listen to them.

This land that we are living

on, he says, we love this land. That's why we talk about it all the time. We love this land that we are living on. Not only do we live off this land, the animals and the trees also live off this land. I have been living here for more than sixteen years and in all the years I have been here, I have seen a lot of forest fires and I have also, in my time, seen a lot of animals.

We live off this land.

That's why we talk about this land all the time. When you see this land being destroyed, you are also seeing the government's money being destroyed too. All the places where we go hunting and fishing and trapping is being destroyed. Now, there's not very many pieces of land which you can live off. We were living here. We have a lot of little kids and little babies. Should they grow up or after they grow up they are going to want to go hunting and fishing and trapping and if this pipeline should get through, they are going to have nowhere to go fishing and hunting and trapping.

That also goes for the animals. If the pipeline should go through, there'll be no more animals for our kids to hunt. I'd like to thank you all who have come to listen to what we have to say.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you very much.

THE INTERPRETER: He says we should all look upon ourselves as friends and

whatever is on our minds, we should be able to speak out without having to hold back.

THE COMMISSIONER: Right.

THE INTERPRETER: I wish all

of us were here to take the opportunity of your being here and say all that's on their minds. He said, I'd like to tell you a short story about the time when they first handed out five dollars for Treaty money.

He said when the White man first came up North, as they made their way up North, they built roads to as far as Great Bear and he says we were about the last ones to whom they visited. After a period of about four or five years they finally went to Rae and got their Treaty money. Before the White man came here he said they had no policemen as well. So, when the Bay managers came up here, they sort of took the role of the policemen.

They had this meeting. They all talked about it and Murphy was voted Chief.
When they first talked about signing the Treaty, he had said that we shouldn't sign this Treaty because they might -- I'd like to finish what I was saying. He said when they first had this Treaty, Murphy had said that they didn't want to accept this Treaty, this five dollar for Treaty because after they sign, the government people might say the land is off" limits to them and but after the father with whom he was then talking to, Murphy then talked to him and

said to accept it or something like that. So, he accepted it and signed the Treaty.

At the meeting, he said everything that they talked about had to come to his approval first but it didn't. They further talked and said only when the river runs backwards and the moon goes black, only then will they submit this land to the White people. Only after he said this would they listen to him and then he signed the Treaty.

At this meeting he said that before he signed he wanted so much land and that for his people to use. When they had this meeting, he also said to these people that from Providence to as far as Barren Lands, that's how much land he wanted the people to use. He had also said that no White people are to come and just help themselves of the land. He says, we are not the only ones who went out on this land. He says there are a lot of people here who come and go all the time. We love this land, he said, because we like our way of living and this land provided everything that they need.

Before White men came here, they had no system at all and they just lived whichever way they liked to live. He's talking about Edzo and when he made Peace Treaty with the Akaitcho. This is the big thing that Edzo has done for us. He says we should be thankful for saying what we had to say and talked to one another as

friends. They are happy to say what they have to 1 2 say to you. You are a representative of the government and whenever they come out here, they 3 are happy that you're here. When you make your 4 reports to your big boss, maybe you don't tell them 5 everything that we've said but he says, we are 6 still thankful for what little that you've said. 7 So, maybe after the meeting 8 when we're finished here, before you leave, maybe 9 you could come into our homes and see how we live 10 and see what sort of food we eat. Thank you. 11 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you 12 sir. 13 (WITNESS ASIDE) 14 15 16 AMIN TAILBONE sworn: 17 THE INTERPRETER: He says we are glad to see you here today. We rarely see many 18 19 government people out here at a time. When you made your way up here to Rae Lakes on a plane, as 20 21 you looked out the window you must have seen all 22 the lands and the lakes and when you looked towards 23 Great Bear Lake, as far as your eyes can see, that's how far we have travelled with our dog 24 25 teams. 26 Sometimes the weather was as low as thirty-five to forty below. Even though 27 it's cold they still have to go off in the bush and 28 go hunting and trapping and not only do they have 29

to carry food for themselves on the sled, they also

have to carry food for the dogs as well. 1 2 Our way of living now isn't as easy as before, he says. Now if they want to go 3 out for caribou meat they have to go as far as five 4 hundred or four hundred miles to get some caribou 5 6 When we go up hunting, we have to work very Sometimes the boats are twenty-two feet long 7 hard. 8 to twenty feet long, he says, and they have to carry that across the portage and not only that, 9 they also have to carry the gas across too and they 10 also have to bring whatever clothing they brought 11 and whatever food that they have with them. 12 They have to go very far out 13 of town if they want some fish or meat or anything. 14 15 Due to the forest fires, there's not very many fur 16 bearing animals anymore, he said. Like when they go trapping, they would have to go very far from 17 where the winterline is, winter road is and in the 18 19 winter, when they go trapping, there's not very many animals anymore. They have to go so far. 20 21 Like everybody else here, I 22 don't want to see the pipeline go through. 23 all I have to say. 24 (WITNESS ASIDE) 25 26 DAVID CHOCOLATE sworn: 27 THE INTERPRETER: I am happy to see you here and I'd like to say some few words 28 that his dad told him before his dad passed away.

It's been twenty-eight years since his dad died and

he will be talking about the time when he was living with his dad as a young boy.

When his dad left, it wasn't very easy. He says, now that White men are living here, life isn't so easy as—isn't as hard as before. After hearing what these men have said, my dad's predictions have been true. I agree with what the men have said here to you. This land that we're talking about has been good to us and we live on it and we work and play on it.

When we talk about the cold weather, it's true what they have said about the cold weather. During winters when it was really cold he often went out and worked with his dad in the cold winter. It is no lie when we say that we do work hard in the winter. When I worked with my dad, I often had to go out hunting and sometimes when I went out for wood, it was really cold. All the times when we went trapping, we spent about ten or sometimes more days without a tent. We had to sleep out under the moon and the stars and it was really cold at night and they had to keep the fire going all night.

Sometimes when they start to make camp and they cook meat, it would be so cold that the knife would sometimes get cold and whenever they cut the meat, their knife would stop and get stuck in the meat. Life was very hard before the White man came. After they came, they provided some dry goods and food and that and life wasn't so

hard after that. After this meeting here, they are going to have another meeting regarding a trip to the Barren lands.

When his dad lived during this time, when they go trapping, they have to go as far as two hundred miles out in the bush to go trapping and after they have caught all the furs and that, they have to travel back again to put their fur into storage. The Bay men used to buy dried fish and dried meat off of us. The dry fish and the dry meat that they buy off us, they keep it themselves.

In his father's time, the men used to work real hard for so little fur and that, that sometimes they travel about two hundred miles just by birch bark canoe, During his father's time the men used to work real hard for the White men. He said even to this day, we still work hard for the White men and we don't think second thoughts about anything about it at all.

He says why we are talking about this land is because we don't want this pipeline. He says, we who have talked to you, we are happy to have said what was on our minds. He says, this winter already they have talked about it. He says it's true. He says, we work very hard during the winter and when they go on the winter road and sometimes when they go hunting near the powerline, they don't see very many animals.

The people have said that

they don't want a pipeline. Even myself, I don't 1 2 want a pipeline. We are not the only ones who live off this land. There are other people further 3 north who live off this land as well. That is why 4 we talk about this land all the time. 5 6 The old people, the kids, the young men and the young girls and women and old 7 8 men that you see here, we'll all be pleased if this 9 pipeline Shouldn't go through at all. He says he wants to thank you for having listened to him and 10 for having seen him and for seeing you. 11 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, 12 Mr. Chocolate. 13 (WITNESS ASIDE) 14 PAUL DRYBONE sworn: 15 16 THE INTERPRETER: He says. 17 though they've said it so many times, I have to say it myself. He's happy to 18 19 see you here. Paul Drybone. This land we 20 21 are living on, he says, the reason why we talk so much about the land is because we love this land. 22 23 He says, we have grown up here and this provides everything that they need, clothing and food. 24 It isn't like before 25 26 anymore. Before they used to catch a lot of fish. Now, we can't even catch half the fish that we used 27 to catch and that also goes for the animals. 28 29 There's not very many animals anymore. 30 He says you people all have

 freezers and fridges in your homes, he says. Us who live out here, we don't have no such thing, he says. He says now we have a freezer here in our town but it's not doing us any good, even if we go out to see our net, we don't catch no fish and they can't put what little fish that they catch in the freezer.

We love this land. That's why we talk about it. We work and play and raise our kids here, he said. For the men who have said so far how cold that north is, it's true, he said. Sometimes it gets so cold that some family that had nothing to eat and they have to get an ice chisel and try to break through the ice and that isn't easy work because the ice is very, very thick.

We may talk about the land a lot but it's because we love this land and we don't want to see anything happen to it. He says, sometimes during the cold weather, even though it's really cold, they still have to go out and see their net as they have to eat. It's a very hard form of living but we still love the way we live. That's another reason why we don't want to see this pipeline go through.

Many people will benefit from this pipeline but this winter when the trucks go. on the winter road, they also have to cross the lake and when they do go across the lake, sometimes they discharge gas and throw away gas on the lake and this kills the fish.

We are serious when we say

1	that we don't want this pipeline to go through. He
2	says we have always wondered when the government
3	people would come and listen to them and listen to
4	them and talk to them and talk with them, but now
5	that you're here, they'd like to take advantage of
6	this opportunity to say what they have to say to
7	you. That's about all I have to say. Thank you.
8	(WITNESS ASIDE)
9	THE INTERPRETER: What time
10	will you be leaving here?
11	THE COMMISSIONER: We have to
12	leave by about eight o'clock. So, what time is it
13	now? Well, maybe we could take a five minute break
14	and just stretch our legs and then start again.
15	Would that be all right?
16	(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED FOR FIVE MINUTES)
17	(PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT)
18	THE COMMISSIONER: I think we
19	can begin again and I should just say that during
20	the adjournment I visited the homes of Joseph
21	Mantla and Bruno Mantla and had an opportunity of
22	seeing how the people live here in Rae Lakes.
23	Joesph Mantla gave me his statement which I've read
24	and which will be marked as an exhibit and form a
25	part of the permanent record of the Inquiry.
26	So, thank you Mr. Mantla
27	for showing me your home. I appreciated that.
28	ALPHONSE QUITTE sworn:
29	(MADELINE CHOCOLATE RESUMED AS INTERPRETER)
30	THE INTERPRETER: He's glad to
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see you here and he'd like to take this opportunity to talk to you. His name is Alphonse Quitte and he said, you have said a few things about the pipeline and I in turn would like to say a few things about the pipeline too.

During the winter they have a winter road going from Rae to Great Bear. This winter when we go on the winter road we don't come across any animals. When we go onto the winter road we have to go far from the winter road to be able to get some animals. The winter road is not such a big thing as the pipeline. If this pipeline should go through, this will also keep away the animals.

We are all against having this pipeline go through. If we were for this pipeline we wouldn't be talking so much about the land pipeline. It's because we are against it that we are talking so much about the land pipeline, He says our kids and their kids will also be living off this land. That's why we are talking about this land.

Not only do I feel this way. All the young people here, and we all feel, this way also. I wouldn't have said anything but I'm also against it. That's why I'm talking to you like this. He says, there are other people here who also like to talk too. So, that's all I'm going to say.

You have never seen us before, we have never seen you before, so we're

happy to see you here today. He's happy to see you 1 2 here, that's why he's saying this much. 3 (WITNESS ASIDE) (SUBMISSION OF JOSEPH MANTLA MARKED AS EXHIBIT C-4 5 655) 6 JEAN WETARDE sworn: 7 THE INTERPRETER: Jean 8 Wetarde. He says, like everybody else here, he's happy to see you here in Rae Lakes. What everybody 9 has said here is all true. 10 All the animals that we can 11 find here on the land, we all live off them, the 12 same way as everybody. Everybody lives off these 13 animals. I feel the same way as everybody else 14 15 feels about this pipeline. This pipeline that they 16 talk about it sounds pretty scary he says, like if it should bust or maybe break or something. 17 should bust and the gas could leak, it's going to 18 19 go in the lake and kill all the fish. This is true. Not only 20 21 would the fish die, all the animals that live on the land would also die as well. These animals 22 23 that are in the bush, it's like they are being kept in the freezer for them, for their use whenever 24 they want it. He said they would hate to see these 25 26 animals go when the pipeline gets through. Thank you for listening to 27 28 what they have to say. He says we are serious when we say we don't want this pipeline to go through We 29

would be very happy if our words were taken

seriously. When we say this about this land, we 1 2 not only say for ourselves but for the animals and all the things that grow on this land. 3 Why I talk about this 4 pipeline is because I don't want to see it go 5 6 through Thank you for having listened to me. 7 That's about all I have to say. (WITNESS ASIDE) 8 THE COMMISSIONER: 9 Thank you sir. 10 11 JIMMY WOGA sworn: 12 13 THE INTERPRETER: Jimmy Woga. He says you are here to listen to us, so I'd like 14 15 to say a few words. 16 He says, none of our Indians, we don't live a very easy life. You can 17 tell by looking at the houses and going through 18 19 town. You know how we live. We don't hold any jobs and the only way with which we can live is by 20 21 what we catch from our nets and trapping. 22 He says today I am forty 23 nine years old. He says you can't expect me to change my way of living and live the White man's 24 way of life. These little kids that we see running 25 26 around and playing outside, we would like to see then one day out fishing and hunting and working in 27 the bush like we did. 28 29 We live off this land, 30 that's why we don't want this pipeline to go

through. We have been living here for many years 1 2 and our way of life has been the same every year. We don't want it because things that we live off, 3 we get from the land here. Not only do we love our 4 land, we also love the animals that live here on 5 6 the land. When we say that we don't want this 7 pipeline, we are serious. 8 If this pipeline should be 9 built it would be like shutting the door to the animals on us. What I have said, I have always 10 wanted to say and that's all I have to say about 11 the pipeline. 12 13 He's happy to see you here in Rae Lakes and he's happy he said what he wanted 14 15 to say. 16 (WITNESS ASIDE) 17 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you sir. 18 19 PIERRE MANTLA sworn: 20 21 THE INTERPRETER: Pierre 22 Mantla. He'd like to say a few words also. He 23 says for us who live out here in the bushes, life isn't very easy. If we don't check the net out of 24 25 the lake, we won't be able to eat and we can't 26 expect others to check the net for us. If this pipeline goes 27 through--this pipeline shouldn't go through. 28 29 the women here and the kids and the adults and the 30 old people, they are all happy. Life isn't very

easy out here, especially in the winter. Sometimes 1 2 you get so cold that when they go out to check the net, it gets so cold that their gloves would sort 3 of freeze onto their hands. So, they would have to 4 remove one hand before they go on with checking 5 6 their net. We are all against this 7 8 pipeline. That's why we talk this way. All the ladies. and men and kids here are happy that you 9 are here to listen to them. What we have all said 10 is true. That's all I have to say. 11 12 (WITNESS ASIDE) THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you 13 sir. 14 15 BRUNO MANTLA sworn: 16 THE INTERPRETER: Bruno 17 Mantla, He says he has always wanted to see you and he is happy to see you here today. He said this 18 19 government that they talk about, we should be thankful for what they have done with all our 20 21 hearts. 22 We should also be thankful 23 for you being here and giving an ear. He says, they have this freezer here and whenever they catch 24 25 any fish or if they have any meat, they place it in 26 the freezer so that whenever they have no meat or fish, they take it out of the freezer and take what 27 28 they have in the freezer. 29 I'm not young anymore. 30 over eighty years old. On your way up, as you came

in the plane, I am sure you must have looked out the window and seen all the lakes. Before they had this winter road, they used to catch a lot of fish, but after they started putting in the winter road, they started catching less fish every year. Since they put up this winter road, we haven't caught as many fish as before and we also don't get very many animals.

Time now isn't like it used to be. We used to catch a lot of fish and there used to be a lot of animals but now that the White men have brought in their way of life and also bringing the store with them and buying food off them, he says there's not so many animals and fish anymore.

Maybe the people who built this winter road don't notice it but we who live off the land and get our fish from these lakes have noticed that there is a decrease in fish. I hope the representative of the government takes our word seriously. He says, I am short of breath, so I won't be able to talk very long. That's all he has to say.

(WITNESS ASIDE)

LOUIS WEDEWIN sworn:
THE INTERPRETER: Louis

Wedewin. He'd like to say a few words to you. This pipeline that they talk about, I myself am against it. What everybody else has said before me is true

and it seems like everybody has said everything that 1 2 he had thought about. That is all he has to say. 3 (WITNESS ASIDE) 4 CHARLIE GON sworn: 5 THE INTERPRETER: Charlie 6 7 Gon. He says he'd like to say a few words to you 8 about the pipeline. I agree with what the elders 9 have said against the pipeline. I, myself, don't I just want you to know that I'm against 10 Seeing that the women want to talk and there's 11 some kids here that would like to talk, that's all 12 13 I have to say. (WITNESS ASIDE) 14 15 16 PHILIP APPLE sworn: THE INTERPRETER: Philip 17 Apple. What the people have said so far about the 18 19 pipeline, I also feel the same way. What they have said about the fish and the animals and the land is 20 true. We live off this land, what we get from this 21 22 land. 23 It's also our blood. What they have said about the waters if also true. 24 get our water from down the take. We drink from it 25 26 and we feed the new babies with it too. I, myself, like everybody is against the pipeline. Should the 27 pipeline bust, the forest will catch on fire and it 28 29 will be hard to put out. 30 Despite what precaution they

1	might have with the pipeline, there will still be
2	trouble with the pipeline all the time. I have
3	four small little boys and they too use this land
4	also.
5	There are also some people
6	that would like to speak, so that's all I have to say.
7	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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9	ALBERT WEDEWIN sworn:
10	THE INTERPRETER: Albert
11	Wedewin. He's happy to see you here today. He said,
12	myself, I am single; but the people who have spoken
13	before, they are all married and they all have kids and
14	what they have said is true.
15	I in thankful for what they
16	have said as it is true. We live off this land and we
17	don't want to see anything happen to it. Seeing you is
18	like having shaken hands with you. What the people
19	have said about the pipeline is all true.
20	Their skills, other than just
21	living in the bush, should this pipeline go through,
22	they would have to find some other skills to make a
23	living and everybody would be real poor. What the
24	people have said about the pipeline is true and I,
25	myself, am against this pipeline.
26	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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29	JIMMY WEDEWIN sworn:
30	THE INTERPRETER: Jimmy

1	Wedewin. What the people have said so far about the
2	pipeline, I also agree. Myself, I don't want the
3	pipeline. I just wanted you to know that. That's
4	all.
5	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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7	PIERRE MANTLA JR. sworn:
8	THE INTERPRETER: Pierre
9	Mantla. This pipeline that they are talking about.
10	I also believe what they have said and I don't want it.
11	That's all I have to say.
12	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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14	JOHN QUITTE sworn:
15	THE INTERPRETER: John
16	Quitte. I have heard so much about you and I didn't
17	think that I would be seeing you here in Rae Lakes and
18	I'm happy to see you here. What the people have said
19	so far about the pipeline, I also agree with them that
20	I too am against it.
21	Life isn't very easy out
22	here. We have to go very many miles out in the bush
23	before we reach our destination. We go where we know
24	there's a lot of fish and a lot of animals. Life
25	isn't very easy up here, he says, especially in the
26	winter.
27	Sometimes when it's really
28	cold and windy, we still have to go out with our dog
29	team and go off in the bush. Sometimes the snow gets
30	really deep to about five or six feet deep and we still
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have to go on with our dog team. 1 We know where we're heading. 2 We know all the hunting and fishing areas and what we 3 want, well we work towards it and make our living off 4 of what we can get. Should they build it and if it 5 should bust, it's going to be very hard on us as we 6 live off the land and off the lakes. 7 Like if we should be going 8 out hunting one day and find that the lake where we go 9 fishing has been spilled with gas or oil, well it's 10 going to be very hard on us. We have to work very hard 11 to get what we want and what the people have said so 12 far about the pipeline is true. I myself don't want 13 it. 14 Thank you for listening. 15 That's all I have to say. 16 17 (WITNESS ASIDE) 18 19 THE INTERPRETER: Message to Berger Inquiry from Joseph Mantla. People bearing 20 hardships. People in the past love and at present have 21 endured hardships all seasons long; bearing cold 22 weather, hot weather, pests such as mosquitoes, to make 23 a living and supporting their family. 24 This is the only available 25 source of income which provides those shelters, food, 26 clothing. I myself have experienced hardships from the 27 beginning to this age of thirty years, of which I'm 28 still having hardships. 29 30 Supporting a family. То

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support a family is by no means an easy task. for caribou you have to wade through five feet of snow just trying to have some meat for family. In summer it is no exception as the meat has to be hauled back on the backs from the barren lands to the settlement. All this isn't easy. As in past people trying to support families sometimes failed or there was no assistance from welfare, medical service, pension, family allowance. 10 11 Transportation. 12 The only source of transportation was by dog team, man-made 13 canoe compared to White man's. It's beyond reality of 14 any Indian belief. 15 16 I resided in Rae Lakes for 17 the past twenty years and have never spoken to any White man as there was any possible chance of seeing 18 19 any. Work and poor. 20 The government has numerous times provided people with all 21 22 kinds of benefits and assistance but never kept their 23 words. 24 Pipelines. People have and will object to the building of a pipeline as it will 25 help no one but the White people, as it will provide 26 them with wealth and us misery with pollution, 27 destruction of land and trap lines. 28 29 Hardships. Women, just as men have, just as much hardships and it's senseless to 30

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promote it. The pipeline no doubt will pollute the
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   fish, lakes, landscape. So, I will object to building
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   a pipeline. If the people build a pipeline in the
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   barren land, they will never see any caribou again
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   as they will block the migration route of the
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   caribou.
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   the animals which provide us with food, fur and income.
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                             Forest fires. Numerous times
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   there have been fires caused by lightening, men which
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          If the whole pipeline bursts into fire, how do
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   you suppose it will benefit the people? This objection
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   of pipeline is by no means from an individual, but from
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   the whole population of Indians.
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   provide long-term employment for no one but the White
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   men themselves.
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   Lakes.
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    (PETER ARROWMAKER TRANSLATES ABOVE INTO DOGRIB)
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                              THE INTERPRETER:
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   Berger, did you want to break to eat?
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                              THE COMMISSIONER:
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                              THE INTERPRETER:
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   people want to break to eat?
                              THE COMMISSIONER:
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                              THE INTERPRETER: Yes.
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   think so. I'll tell you what. Why don't we just stop
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for five minutes and have a little discussion about now
   many more want to speak and now. Long it will take.
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    (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED, FOR FIVE MINUTES)
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2	(PROCEEDINGS RESUMED PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.)
3	ROMIE WETARDE sworn:
4	THE COMMISSIONER: I think we
5	can start. Go ahead, sir.
6	(MADELINE CHOCOLATE RESUMED AS INTERPRETER.)
7	THE INTERPRETER: He is glad
8	to see you here and he would like to say a few words to
9	you.
10	We love this land I will
11	talk about. Why we love this land is because it
12	provides all that we need and it gives us all that we
13	need to give to our kids, and for us to live on.
14	That's why we don't want to see this land destroyed.
15	After we are long past away our kids will live in our
16	way of life after us. It is because of our kids that
17	we don't want this pipeline to go through.
18	The future kids will be very
19	happy if this pipeline doesn't go through. That's the
20	reason why we object to having this pipeline go through
21	on our lands.
22	We have looked forward to
23	seeing you for such a long time. We are happy to see
24	you here today. That's all I have to say.
25	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you,
26	sir.
27	(WITNESS ASIDE)
28	JOE BLACK sworn:
29	THE INTERPRETER: Joe Black.
30	What the people have said so far about the pipeline is

true. As for myself, I don't want to see it go 1 through, as we live off this land and all the animals 2 that we get, well, we live off them. 3 I don't want to see the 4 pipeline go through on this land. 5 6 We are glad to see you here today to listen to us, to hear what we have to say 7 about the pipeline. I myself don't want to see this 8 pipeline go through. You are here to listen to us and 9 I have said all that I want to say. 10 11 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you, 12 sir. 13 (WITNESS ASIDE) 14 MADELINE ARROWMAKER sworn: 15 16 THE INTERPRETER: Madeline Arrowmaker. We have heard so much about you and have 17 always looked forward to seeing you, and we are happy 18 to see you here today. 19 20 She says, we were brought up very poorly and to this day we are still poor. 21 22 this land and we don't want to see anything happen to 23 it. 24 If dry meat should spoil on 25 us, well, we don't like it when it spoils on us, as we 26 have to throw it away. 27 We don't want this to happen 28 to us, we don't want our land to be spoiled. 29 want to see anything happen to the animals that we live And I, myself, don't want to see the pipeline go 30

1	through.
2	Why we talk so much about the
3	land is because when we go, we want our kids to be able
4	to use this land.
5	She sees there are other
6	people who want to speak. Well, that's all I have to
7	say to you, and thanks for coming.
8	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you
9	very much, ma'am.
10	(WITNESS ASIDE)
11	JUDY GON sworn:
12	THE INTERPRETER: Judy Gon.
13	We have looked forward to seeing you for so long. Now,
14	that I am seeing you here today, she said, I am glad to
15	see you. Now, I will say a few words to you.
16	I have heard what the men
17	said, and I, myself, agree with them, that I don't want
18	this pipeline to go through.
19	People from out of town here
20	have said that we have a lot of meat here, and they
21	write to us and say, you know, send us some dry meat.
22	And they should look into our warehouse, they would see
23	that we have no meat hanging.
24	I agree with what the men
25	said for if they do put up this pipeline, they will be
26	like killing us all, starving us. I, myself, don't
27	want the pipeline. That's all I'd like to say.
28	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you,
29	ma'am.
30	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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1	THERESE WEDEWIN sworn:
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3	THE INTERPRETER: Therese
4	Wedewin. When I first came out here with my parents in
5	1963, there were a lot of fish and a lot of caribous
6	and there was plenty to eat. But after they put up the
7	winter road, there was less fish, and there wasn't so
8	many meat anymore.
9	I, myself, I don't want to
10	see this pipeline go through. Even with this winter
11	road, there isn't very many fish and caribou. Should
12	this pipeline go through, there will be no more fish
13	and caribou meat.
14	That's all I have to say to
15	you.
16	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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18	ELIZABETH WETARDE sworn:
19	THE INTERPRETER: Elizabeth
20	Wetarde. What the men have said so far, I agree with,
21	And I, for myself, I don't want to see this pipeline go
22	through.
23	I have very many kids, and
24	it's the kids that I am thinking about. That's why I
25	don't want to see this pipeline go through.
26	That's all I have to say, and
27	I am glad to see you here today.
28	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you,
29	ma 'am.
30	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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1	DORA WEDEWIN sworn:
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3	THE INTERPRETER: Dora Lewin.
4	I agree with what everybody has said about pipeline.
5	I, myself, I don't want it. That's about all I have to
6	say. Thank you very much.
7	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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9	MADELINE DRAGON sworn:
10	THE INTERPRETER: Madeline
11	Arrowmaker Madeline Dragon, pardon me.
12	What they have said so far
13	about the pipeline, I, myself, I don't want to see this
14	come through.
15	That's all she wants to say.
16	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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18	JOE MANTLA sworn:
19	THE INTERPRETER: This is
20	Mantla. What the people have said so far about
21	pipeline, well, we have talked about it for so long I,
22	myself, I don't want to see it come through.
23	And he has written down his
24	speech, and he says he would like to have it back, if
25	may.
26	THE COMMISSIONER: Right,
27	okay. Can we do that when the meeting is over?
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29	THE INTERPRETER: He would
30	like say a few words about the pipeline, and also he

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says since you are here, he'd like to take advantage of
   it that opportunity and talk to you. And he doesn't
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   want the pipeline.
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                              THE COMMISSIONER:
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   Mr. Mantla.
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                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
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                             MARY APPLE sworn:
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                              THE INTERPRETER: This is
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   Mary Apple. What the people have said so far, I also
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   agree with them. I, myself, I don't want to see this
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   pipeline go through.
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                             MARIE QUITTE sworn:
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                              THE INTERPRETER:
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   Quitte. What the men have said so far, I also agree
   with them.
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   having the gas pipeline go through here.
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   have to say.
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                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
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                              BELLA ZOE sworn:
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                              THE INTERPRETER: Bella Zoe.
   I also agree with what the people say. I don't want to
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   see the pipeline go through. You see, as we live off
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   the caribou and the animals, I don't want to see it at
    all. That's all.
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1	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you;
2	thank you, ma'am.
3	(WITNESS ASIDE)
4	THERESE ARROWMAKER sworn:
5	THE INTERPRETER: This' is
6	Therese Arrowmaker. What the people have said so far.
7	I, myself, agree that I don't
8	want to see this pipeline through. That's all I want
9	to say.
10	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
11	(WITNESS ASIDE)
12	CHARLIE CHOCOLATE sworn:
13	MADELINE CHOCOLATE: This is
14	Charlie Chocolate.
15	MR. CHOCOLATE: First of all.
16	I would like to tell you about my name is Charlie
17	Chocolate.
18	First of all, I would like to
19	tell you about the Dene and their way of life in
20	supporting their families.
21	The people which they call
22	Dene, they work for their livelihood by trapping,
23	fishing, hunting, that's the only source of trade job
24	available for them. This is the only source of
25	occupation which provides them with shelter, food,
26	income, and other essential needs of supporting a
27	family.
28	This sort of occupation is by
29	no means an easy task, as the meat from Barren Lands
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wade through snow five feet deep And hunting and 1 trapping in the extreme cold weather. 2 All these day's work is done 3 by the energy of the people, for example, Dene they 4 call them, and whereas the White people are assisted by 5 machines, technology, in making their life easier in 6 supporting their families. 7 This land is sort of our 8 industry, providing us with shelter, food, income, 9 similar to the industries down South supporting the 10 White peoples. To pollute and destruct the land would 11 be wrong. The people have the rights to the minerals, 12 wildlife, and to the land. But the pipeline will no 13 doubt pollute the land without receiving compensation 14 for their loss from the Government, financial aid from 15 industry organizations. Where will the people turn to 16 17 for shelter, food, income, and fuel for their homes? I doubt if the pipeline will 18 guarantee long term employment for the Natives, and I 19 will oppose and object to the building of the pipeline. 20 Thank you. 21 22 (MADELINE CHOCOLATE TRANSLATES ABOVE INTO DOGRIB.) 23 24 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. 25 (WITNESS ASIDE) 26 27 JOE ZOE sworn: 28 (MADELINE CHOCOLATE RESUMED AS INTERPRETER) 29 THE INTERPRETER: This is Joe What the men have said so far, I also agree with 30

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   busts, all the gas will flow this way, as we are not
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   living too far from the proposed pipeline. Should the
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   pipeline break, and all the gas should spill, it will
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   go on to the lakes and on to the land.
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   plants in the water, and the animals will eat the,
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   weeds and the grass that is on the land, and they will
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   get sick. And us, in turn, as we kill these animals an
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   eat them, we would also get sick. And the people that
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   put up this pipeline wouldn't make us better.
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                              So, the people who live close
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   to the pipeline don't want the pipeline at all.
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   Myself, I don't want to see the pipeline go through.
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   That's all I have to say.
                              THE COMMISSIONER:
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                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
                              THE COMMISSIONER:
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   ask him if we can have his written statement and keep
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   it for the Inquiry. He left just after he spoke, and I
   didn't ask hint for that.
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                              AMINE WETARDE sworn:
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                              MR. WETARDE: Many times we
   have said no to the pipeline.
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                              MADELINE CHOCOLATE:
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   Antoine Wetarde.
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                              MR. WETARDE:
                                            We love our
   land.
          The land is our life. And during the winter we
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have to go out and look for food or go hungry. When we
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   get the food, we have to bring it back to our families.
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   Many days we are cold during the winter.
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   pipeline. If the pipeline is built, even if we say no,
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   many hearts will break. So I, myself, don't want the
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   pipeline. That's all I want to say. Thank you.
                              THE COMMISSIONER:
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   May we keep your written statement, please.
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE TRANSLATES ABOVE INTO DOGRIB.)
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                              CHARLIE WETARDE sworn:
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                              MR. WETARDE:
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   the Judge is here with us today. I just want to say a
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   few words about the pipeline.
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                              The people don't want it and
   I don't want the pipeline running through the Mackenzie
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   Valley. That's all I wanted to say.
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE TRANSLATES ABOVE INTO DOGRIB.)
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                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
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    (SUBMISSION OF CHARLIE CHOCOLATE MARKED EXHIBIT C-656.)
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    (SUBMISSION OF ANTOINE WETARDE MARKED EXHIBIT C-657.)
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                              MAURICE ZOE sworn:
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                              MR. ZOE: Good evening, Mr.
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   Berger. My name is Maurice Zoe, I would just like to
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   talk about the Rae Lakes people and Fort Rae people.
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   more from Fort Rae, because of the destruction
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happening to them in Rae, they want to live closer to
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   their hunting grounds, and they move to Rae Lakes.
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   want is all too modern facilities for themselves and
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   money. And money is not the object of life for the
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   Indian. When he say lots of money, he means -- well,
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   then he say, I have lots of money to an old Indian, in
   is mind it means lots of booze.
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   an stink, I believe it, because they smell of gas and
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        When you say pipeline to the Indian, it's like
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   saying to an Indian, flash twice, it's a long way to
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   the Indian reservation.
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   Thank you.
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                              THE COMMISSIONER:
                                                 Thank you,
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   Mr. Zoe. I wonder if you would let us keep your
   written statement, please.
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE TRANSLATES ABOVE INTO DOGRIB.)
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                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
    (SUBMISSION OF MAURICE ZOE MARKED EXHIBIT C-658.)
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                              LIZA MANTLA sworn:
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE RESUMED AS INTERPRETER.)
                              THE INTERPRETER: This is
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                  This land that we are living on, we all
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   Liza Mantla.
   love it. What the people have said about the pipeline,
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   also agree, as I don't want to see the pipeline go
   through.
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                             All of us here who have kids
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   all love our own kids. I, myself, don't want to see
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1	George Tailbone the pipeline go through as I want to
2	see my kids work and live on this land. That is all I
3	have to say.
4	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you
5	ma'am.
6	(WITNESS ASIDE)
7	MARY ADELE WETARDE sworn:
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9	THE INTERPRETER: Mary Adele
10	Wetarde. We are here to talk about the pipeline and I,
11	myself, I don't want to see it go through. Everybody
12	doesn't want to see it happen, and I don't want to,
13	neither do I. That's all I have to say.
14	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
15	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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17	MARY WETARDE sworn:
18	THE INTERPRETER: Mary
19	Wetarde. All the adults here tonight have said that
20	they don't want to see the pipeline built. I, myself,
21	don't want to see it built. That's all.
22	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
23	(WITNESS ASIDE)
24	GEORGE TAILBONE sworn:
25	THE INTERPRETER: George
26	Tailbone. All the adults here have said tonight, I
27	also agree with them, as I don't want to see the
28	pipeline built. Should the pipeline break, the oil is
29	going to spill on to the lakes and on to the land, and
30	11 the animals will get sick, and we don't want to see

1	that happen.
2	All the people have said they
3	don't want to see the pipeline built, and I agree with
4	them. That's all I have to say. I don't want to see
5	the pipeline built.
6	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
7	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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9	LUCY BLACK sworn:
10	THE INTERPRETER: Lucy
11	Black. What the people here have said tonight, I also
12	agree, as I don't want to see the pipeline built.
13	Should the pipeline break, it will spoil our land and,
14	the lakes. That's all I have to say.
15	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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17	HELEN MANTLA sworn:
18	THE INTERPRETER: Helen
19	Mantla. What the adults here have said, I also agree
20	with them as I don't want to see the pipeline built.
21	That's all I have to say.
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~~	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
23	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. (WITNESS ASIDE)
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23	(WITNESS ASIDE)
23 24	(WITNESS ASIDE) FRANCIS QUITE sworn:
23 24 25	(WITNESS ASIDE) FRANCIS QUITE sworn: MR. QUITTE: I have lived
23 24 25 26	(WITNESS ASIDE) FRANCIS QUITE sworn: MR. QUITTE: I have lived here for the past twelve or fifteen years ago, and I
23 24 25 26 27	(WITNESS ASIDE) FRANCIS QUITE sworn: MR. QUITTE: I have lived here for the past twelve or fifteen years ago, and I agree with people whatever they say about the land and about the pipeline. We go hunting on it and
23 24 25 26 27 28	(WITNESS ASIDE) FRANCIS QUITE sworn: MR. QUITTE: I have lived here for the past twelve or fifteen years ago, and I agree with people whatever they say about the land and about the pipeline.

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about it. We go all over around the land, hunting,
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   fishing. We don't live like the Whites. We live like
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   our grandparents used to live. We go hunting for the
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   food that we need, and for the money that we've got to
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   make, all the furs, that is why we need it. We need it
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   more than you. We need the land. That is why we don't
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   want the pipeline going through it.
                             MADELINE CHOCOLATE:
                                                  Francis
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   Quitte.
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                             MR. QUITTE:
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   longer. That's about it, I guess.
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE TRANSLATES ABOVE INTO DOGRIB.)
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                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
                             JOE WETARDE sworn:
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE RESUMED AS INTERPRETER.)
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                             THE INTERPRETER:
   Wetarde. Our way of living consists mainly of hunting
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   and fishing and trapping. We don't want to see the
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   pipeline go through as it will spoil the land.
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                             I have been going out with my
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   dad since I was fourteen years old. It is very cold
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   during the winter, but we still go out hunting.
   times we get so cold, that your feet get cold and your
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   hands get cold, but we still go on. That's all I have
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   to say.
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                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
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                             FRANK ARROWMAKER sworn:
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                             MR. ARROWMAKER: I would like
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   to introduce myself. My name is Frank Arrowmaker.
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                             And first of all, I would
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like to say, about the pipeline is that all the people
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   here tonight, they don't want the pipeline to go
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   through our land, because we live on this land, we love
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   this land, provides us with food, and all of the games.
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   Like cold weather and winter, we go trapping.
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   Wherever it is good for fish, it is a good place to
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   hunt. Even during the cold winter weather, we have to
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   there.
                              But if this pipeline goes
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   rough this Northwest Territory, it is going to spoil
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   the land and the food, like the caribou, there won't be
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   any near. So I don't want this pipeline to ) through.
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   That's all I would like to say.
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE TRANSLATES ABOVE INTO DOGRIB.)
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                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
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                              ANGELIQUE MANTLA sworn:
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE RESUMED AS INTERPRETER.)
                              THE INTERPRETER:
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                                                 Angelique
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   Mantla. What the Elders here have said tonight, I gee
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   with them, as I don't want to see this pipeline
   through.
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                              That's all she has to say.
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                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
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                              CHARLIE TAILBONE sworn:
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                              THE INTERPRETER: Charlie
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   Tailbone. What the adults have said, I also agree with
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   them, as I don't want to see the pipeline built.
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   proposed pipeline is pretty near my trapline, and I
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   don't want to see the pipeline built.
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I have been working in the 1 2 bush for many years now, and I hate to see the pipeline go through as it will destroy the land, and I won't be 3 able to fish and hunt as I used to. That's all I have 4 to say. Good-bye. 5 (WITNESS ASIDE) 6 7 JOHN TAILBONE sworn: THE INTERPRETER: John 8 Tailbone. I also agree that should a pipeline be 9 built, it will spoil our land and lakes. And should 10 the pipeline break or bust, the gas will flow on to the 11 lakes, and on to the land, and all the animals will get 12 sick from eating the spilled gas, and so would the 13 fish, and as we eat the fish and meat, we'd also get 14 sick. 15 16 Should they build the pipeline a lot of men here will be working on the 17 pipeline, and all the money that they make will be 18 going back to the White men, to their bars and to their 19 liquor store, and to groceries. And not only that, 20 with the pipeline being built, the men will start 21 22 fooling around, and their marriages will break up, and 23 everything. Many peoples here haven't 24 gone to school, and there may be some that have gone, 25 but they didn't go to school for very long, and they 26 have no skills at all. The only way of living is live 27 in the bush here, hunting, fishing, trapping, and I 28 hate to see this pipeline built as it would take away 29 their way of living. We won't be able to eat.

1	won't be able to drink. That's why we don't want this
2	pipeline. I don't want this pipeline, that's why I
3	said so much.
4	THE INTERPRETER: That was
5	John Tailbone.
6	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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8	DAVID GON, sworn:
9	THE INTERPRETER: What the
10	people have said here tonight, I also agree, as I don't
11	want to see this pipeline built myself. I don't want
12	to see the pipeline built. That's all I have to say.
13	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
14	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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16	TONY APPLE, sworn:
17	THE INTERPRETER: Tony
18	Apple. The adults here don't want to see a pipeline
19	built, and I also feel the same way. That's all I have
20	to say.
21	THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
22	(WITNESS ASIDE)
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24	THE COMMISSIONER: I think
25	that we've heard from the old people and the younger
26	people too. If there's anybody else who wants to speak
27	before we close the meeting, they certainly may.
28	Let me say I think I have a
29	I think you've given me a good idea of where you
30	stand on the pipeline, and the issues related to it.
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1	MADELINE CHOCOLATE: He would
2	like to say a few words. Philip Zoe.
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4	PHILIP ZOE resumed:
5	THE INTERPRETER: We are glad
6	to see you here, and we were expecting you, but we just
7	didn't know when you would be coming here, and we are
8	very happy to see you.
9	And about this pipeline, he
10	would like to say some few words about it, I think.
11	What we are saying here
12	tonight, it is probably being recorded and sent out to
13	your bosses. He said, he would be very happy if what -
14	- all he has to say were written down, and your bosses
15	would read every word they have said, and take it
16	seriously.
17	Should the Government do as
18	we ask, all the men and kids and womens here would be
19	very happy, not only us, but everybody.
20	What the people have said
21	about going hunting during the cold cold weather is all
22	true. Life isn't very easy especially in the winter.
23	When we go off with our dog teams, we know at the other
24	end there wouldn't be a campfire waiting for us, and
25	something to eat. Most of the time we go out hunting
26	without nothing for our dogs, with nothing for our dogs
27	to eat. It isn't very easy during the winter.
28	Sometimes you may see tracks, but they always turn out
29	to be old tracks. That's all he has to say.
30	(WITNESS ASIDE)

1	THE COMMISSIONER: Does
2	anybody else wish to say anything? Father, would you
3	wish to speak before we close the meeting?
4	FATHER AMOUROUS: Just a few
5	words. I think I will say it in Dogrib language
6	THE COMMISSIONER: By all
7	means.
8	FATHER AMOUROUS: so they
9	can all understand.
10	FATHER AMOUROUS sworn:
11	(FATHER AMOUROUS GIVES SUBMISSION 1N DOGRIB.)
12	FATHER AMOUROUS: I have been
13	here for the last twenty-five years, I mean in the
14	country north of the. Great Slave Lake, with the
15	people that inhabited this territory right up to the
16	Barren Land, Snare Lake and Point Lake, and this way
17	towards Bear Lake.
18	And I approve, give my
19	approval to what I have heard today of the people
20	witnessing here in front of you about the way they
21	live, because I have been with them when they were
22	still wandering around the bush right up to the Barren
23	Land with tents, the family moving here and there, and
24	finally establishing in the village here. Just the
25	same at Lac La Martre, moving around the camps. Just
26	the same around Yellowknife, with the Dogribs of
27	Yellowknife, and right up to the Rae people around
28	Snare Lake.
29	I have been travelling by dog
30	team right up to five years ago, and that was twenty

years, so I shared their life, and agree completely 1 with what they said about their own type of life, which 2 is pretty hard in this time and age. 3 Like, in Rae Lakes, we just 4 got power. You are very lucky that you didn't have 5 this Inquiry a year before, because we wouldn't have 6 7 had no power. So, I say all of that 8 because it's a fact that development means, in this 9 country, the stop of development by the traditional 10 ways. For instance, when development took place with 11 the mining, building of roads, Cat roads, Cat trains, 12 on the lakes, about at that time the Caribou stopped 13 migrating right through the pre-Cambrian shield and 14 stopped going towards the -- across to the 15 sedimentary grounds, limestone country, like Lac La 16 17 Martre, and all the way down to the other end of Lac La Martre, 1956. No caribou there for the last 18 twenty years. And that was about the time that the 19 uranium mines grew up in the country, right on the 20 caribou migrating roads. 21 22 And then about that time, too, development of aviation, people moving from one 23 place to another more often by airplane, creation of 24 air routes, airline - main airliners flying from 25 Yellowknife to Inuvik and so on, it was about that time 26 that on an expedition to the Barren Land hunting 27 caribou, we couldn't find any caribou that had fallen, 28 but found plentiful of moose that had run away from 29

this part of the country in between the pre-Cambrian

shield and the limestone country, because of the 1 industrial activity. And those moose have been pushed 2 back by the noise to more isolated part of the country. 3 And people here are witness 4 to the fact that when the winter road is open, caribou 5 don't come across it. And many times, certainly three 6 or four times since the winter road is open to haul out 7 to the South the minerals from around Great Bear Lake 8 shores, it has spread the caribou pasturing in the 9 country in between here and Great Bear Lake, and after 10 the operation is going on of that ore, mineral ore, 11 hauling outside, then you don't see the caribou 12 alongside that road, or very few. 13 So, if these people here at 14 Rae Lakes have stopped migrating from one place to 15 another, but still -- have still built this village. 16 this little settlement halfway in between the two great 17 lakes, it's because they want to depend as much as they 18 can on the land for their living. And more 19 development, especially drastic industrial development 20 that would endanger these ways of traditional 21 livelihood is bound to make it hard - - much harder yet 22 for them, and how are they going to end it up -- end 23 up, although they wish they could still live a life 24 that pleases them. Maybe they'll have to stop it and 25 go on welfare completely. So, that would be too bad. 26 This country is vast country. 27 They cover a huge territory. They travel one place to 28 They really hustle around to make a living. 29 another. So, they should be helped to keep on doing that as long

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LS they want, and that is one of the reasons why they
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   are against the building of the pipeline. And I don't
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   blame them for that. That's all.
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                              THE COMMISSIONER:
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                                                 Thank you,
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   Father.
                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
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                              THE COMMISSIONER:
                                                  Chief, do
   you wish to speak to close the meeting then?
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                              CHIEF ARROWMAKER resumed:
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE RESUMED AS INTERPRETER.)
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                              THE INTERPRETER: All the
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   people here who have spoken tonight are very happy that
   they have spoken and said what they had on their lands.
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   And we are happy to have you here tonight, and all of
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   us that had wanted to say something, have all said what
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   they had wanted to say, and' what we have aid about
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   this land is because we love this land, and he people
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   that have spoken have spoken from the bottom of their
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   hearts, and they have sworn to the Bible, hat they
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   would say, what they -- nothing but the truth, and they
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   are happy that they have spoken their mind today.
   are even more happy that the government should receive
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   the reports of what we have aid here tonight, and we
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   would also be very happy if his pipeline wasn't built.
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                              When the White people want to
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   do something, it isn't very difficult for them to, to
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   build this pipeline.
                          They have other ways of
   transporting oil. If they want to transport oil, they
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   would maybe build a train and have it transported by
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train, or if not by train, have it hauled by plane. 1 This pipeline, we people are 2 all against it. What we have said here tonight is not 3 only for ourselves, but also for our kids as well. 4 After we leave, our kids will live in our way of live, 5 and this pipeline, should it be built, will take away 6 7 our way of life from them. Our means of living is very 8 9 hard, and it is not easy. If we want to feed our wife, we will have to go very very far in the bush to be able 10 to get something for our wife to eat. 11 And not only that, just 12 recently, we were talking about going out hunting to 13 the Barren Lands. Going to the Barren Lands isn't easy 14 work, it is. very hard work, and they would have to 15 work very hard. 16 17 We are happy to have you here tonight and listen to what we had to say. You heard 18 what the kids have said tonight, and the womens, and 19 the adults, and the mens here tonight. You know that 20 they are all against the pipeline as it will affect 21 22 their lives, their way of life. And they all know the history of Murphy and Edzo. 23 24 Due to the speech -- due to what Edzo had said, we are very thankful to say that it 25 was because of him that the people here are living in 26 peace, and maybe peace will lie in Edzo's time. Life 27 wasn't very easy as they had no axe, nor no knife, or 28 no matches with which to make fire, and they had to --29

to go on the lake they would have to use the birch bark

canoe, and when they wanted to make fire, they had to 1 rub stone, and that was their only way of life. 2 During his time, they also 3 had no matches, and they also had no White man made 4 things with which to work with, and no White man made 5 food, or anything at all, and during that time, when 6 they wanted to boil meat or something, what they would 7 do is heat a stone and put into a birch bark sort of a 8 pot like, and they would put the stone there, and they 9 would boil the meat that way. And to them it was like 10 eating candies, he said. 11 And during Edzo's times they 12 also had no rope with which to go fishing, so what they 13 used during Edzo's times, was they used roots. 14 would then make strings, and at the end they would put 15 a little bone hook, and then they would go fishing. 16 17 That was their main way of fishing. That's about all he has to 18 say And should you make your report, well, I guess your 19 boss will be seeing it, and find some words to talk 20 about this. 21 22 That's all he'll have to say. 23 Should you make up this report and present it to your Government people, they 24 should read it over carefully and take it seriously, 25 all the people here would be very happy, all the kids, 26 and the adults, and womens, and not only us, but 27 everybody would be happy. 28 29 All the people have said what

they wanted to say to you, the men, ad the womens, and

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the kids, and boys and girls, and we are happy to say
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   that that was what we wanted to say to you.
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                                                  Thank you.
                              (WITNESS ASIDE)
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                              THE COMMISSIONER:
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   Ladies and Gentlemen, I just want to thank all of you
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   who live here in Rae Lakes, who spoke to the Inquiry
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   today, because it helps me to understand how you feel
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    about the pipeline, and why you feel the way you do.
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                              We will be holding hearings
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   in Yellowknife until the end of September, and after
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   that I will be writing my report for the Government,
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   and then it will be laid before Parliament, and you
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   will hear about it then.
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                              Let me say that all of us
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   enjoyed being able to come here to Rae Lakes to see
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   your village, and I was happy that Mr. Joe Mantla and
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   Mr. Bruno Mantla took me to see their homes this
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   afternoon, because that helps me to understand the way
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   you live. And all of us were happy to have seen your
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   village and to have had the opportunity of listening to
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   you today.
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                              The Inquiry stands adjourned
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   until we re-convene in Yellowknife on Monday at 11:00
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          Thank you very much
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    (MADELINE CHOCOLATE TRANSLATES ABOVE INTO DOGRIB.)
    (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED.)
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