

# **Social Credit Is The Best – You Bet!**

## **Volume 2**

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4 April 1991

Premier Rita M. Johnston  
The Premier's Office  
The Parliament Buildings  
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Dear Premier,

I am very pleased with the smooth transition of power. I know you will do an excellent job as our new Premier - you bet! Such an honour to be a history maker. My daughter is very excited that British Columbia has another first. You are an inspiration to her and all young women looking to the future.

I was a big supporter of Bill Vander Zalm. I wish things had worked out differently and he could stay on. But the investigations have been conducted and the reports handed down and he did the honourable thing. I support him to the end. He did a lot of good for this great province and I always liked his style. I don't like the media saying that Mr. Vander Zalm is a liar. I can't believe that and won't! Now the media is after you, replaying old quotes and clips and saying you are 'too close' to Mr. Vander Zalm. Haven't these people got anything better to do? You are Mr. Vander Zalm's friend and colleague, that don't mean you approve of what he did. Since when did friendship and loyalty go out of style? Well, reporters don't know anything about that, they're all trying to scoop each other, make tons of money and stab our hard working public leaders in the back.

What are your immediate plans? Will there be a session and a budget? I hope so! I know that Mr. Veitch will do a first rate job - count on it! We've got to start building things up to stop those socialist NDPers from seizing power and running our beautiful B.C. into the ground. Your rise to Premier couldn't be better. Please send me an official Premier photograph of yourself. I always have a picture of the Queen, the Prime Minister, the Premier and the Mayor hanging in my home. I think it very important that young people today know who our leaders are and to respect them. Thank-you for your public service and your time in considering my letter.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for Free Enterprise!  
All hail Premier Rita M. Johnston!

Sincerely,

*Vince*



Province of British Columbia  
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

1991  
May 31st,

Dear Mr. Krako,

*I was so pleased to receive your recent letter. Your words of encouragement, and those of so many other friends, mean a great deal to me and I sincerely thank you for your thoughtfulness.*

*I look forward to the challenges which this office holds for me and I will devote my energies to providing, for all British Columbians, the highest standards of government administration. I have enclosed, with my compliments and best wishes, a copy of the 1991 Budget and several B.C. Updates which I thought you may find of interest.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rita M. Johnston".

Mr. Vincent Krako  
P. O. Box 69323  
Vancouver, British Columbia



# Budget 1991

## BUDGET-IN-BRIEF



Province of British Columbia  
Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations  
Honourable John Jansen, Minister



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May 7, 1991

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4 April 1991

Hope Rust  
President  
Social Credit Party  
236-10711 Cambie Road  
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Enclosed is my application and fee for membership in the Social Credit Party of British Columbia. The fight against the socialist hordes needs all the help that can be mustered. I am ready to stand up for British Columbia, free enterprise and our great new Premier, Rita M. Johnston - you bet I am!

The letter and material you sent a few weeks ago was very helpful in making me come to decision. I was very disappointed that Mr. Vander Zalm had to step down, but he did the honourable thing. As for all this media attack against you, Premier Johnston and the Party, I don't listen to it for one second - no way! They're just trying to create another controversy so that they can sell papers and air time. I especially oppose any calls for your resignation. What do people want? The Hughes Report came down and Mr. Vander Zalm resigned. The Party carries on and there are a lot of good, able people ready to lead the provincial government.

I was happy to hear that Premier Johnston will be contacting and possibly meeting with the founders of this B.C. Pacific Party. These people must be brought back into the flock. The splitting of the Free Enterprise vote would be disastrous. Unity is the way to victory - count on it!

Thank-you for your consideration. Please send me a copy of the Party's most recent annual report.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for Social Credit!  
Stand up for our Premier!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako

Hope Rust  
PRESIDENT



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MEMBER'S SIGNATURE PRESIDENT

Mr. Vincent G. Krako,  
Box 69323 Station K,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
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Dear Mr. Krako,

It is a special pleasure for me to be the first to officially welcome you as a new member of the B.C. Social Credit Party.

With the Leadership Convention coming up on July 18, 19, and 20 at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre, you have certainly chosen an exciting time to be involved with Social Credit.

There is every expectation that the provincial election will follow quickly on the heels of the convention. We need all the help and support that we can possibly get in order to win. Your involvement brings us that much closer to victory.

I have been greatly encouraged by the many thousands of others across the province who, like you, have also joined Social Credit to become a participant in one of the most open and democratic organizations in Canada.

If there is anything we can do for you here at Head Office, please don't hesitate to give us a call at 270-4040. We will do our very best to help out.

In the meantime there is something that I would encourage you to do for the Party. Check to make sure that you and everyone else of voting age in your family is registered to vote in a provincial election. All you need to do to check your registration is to phone Elections B.C., toll free at 1-800-742-8683.

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in our Party. I look forward to seeing you soon as an active member of your local Constituency Association.

Sincerely,

*Hope*

Hope Rust,  
President

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P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
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11 April 1991

Bill Vander Zalm  
M.L.A., Richmond  
203-8171 Park Road  
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Dear Mr. Vander Zalm,

It pains me greatly that I can no longer address you as Premier of beautiful British Columbia. I just finished reading the Hughes Report and was as stunned as you were. I thought this whole Fantasy Garden thing was basically a good deal for you and Tan Yu and an opportunity to create some fantastic new investments for our province. Obviously, not everyone saw it that way. Your resignation was a blow to all of us who have supported you over the years, but it is what you had to do, the only honourable thing. As for these RCMP investigations, don't worry, be happy, you'll beat those trumped up charges - you bet!

The thing that I really noticed in that report was your opinions of the media. In my view, they set you up by snooping around where they didn't belong. I sure wouldn't want some reporter looking over my shoulder when I was cutting a deal. And to think that you always made yourself accessible to the media and treated them courteously. That was the great thing about your administration - always open, always available. You held out your hand in friendship and openness and the media bit it off and brought you down. Will you write your own book to set the record straight? I sure hope so. I'll be first in line to buy a copy.

Now that everyone is down on you I just wanted to let you know, that, although I'm confused about your actions and regret that you made some mistakes, I still support you 100% - count on it! Since 1986 some great things have happened in this province. Your policies of privatization and encouraging individual business initiative will stand this province in good stead. Your economic decisions were always right on. You'll take refuge in your faith, examine yourself, receive forgiveness and carry on. I look forward to your comeback which I know will happen. Remember, you'll always have Vince's support.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Bill Vander Zalm is innocent!  
Fight! Fight! Fight!

Sincerely,

Vince

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MLA



PREMIER  
WILLIAM VANDER ZALM  
MLA

## RICHMOND CONSTITUENCY OFFICE

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April 16, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, B. C.  
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Dear Vince,

Thank you for your wonderful letter of April 11th which was both a comfort and an inspiration.

The last several weeks have been very difficult for Lillian and myself and family. We do not agree with the findings of the Hughes' report, but find it very difficult to fight back since the media feels vindicated and will continue their attacks. We're blessed with strong faith and thus believe that God has a plan but only shows us a little bit at a time and that somehow the truth will prevail, and all will come out in the end.

I appreciate your supportive words and as you say, I will continue to stand up for British Columbians and I'll continue to fight and it's nice to know that you'll be fighting with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Vander Zalm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

William N. Vander Zalm  
M.L.A.

WVZ/mg



VINCENT G. KRAKO

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P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC V5K 4W5

13 April 1991

Bill Vander Zalm  
M.L.A., Richmond  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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Dear Mr. Vander Zalm,

Enough is enough! I just heard on the BCTV weekend news with Pamela Martin that there is now a movement within the Social Credit Party and caucus to force you out of your legislative seat. No! Where is the forgiveness and understanding? Despite this conflict of interest you, as a great Premier, did some really fantastic things for beautiful British Columbia - you bet!

How do you plan to fight these new attacks by your colleagues? How quickly they turn! But your legacy lives. It was you that made Mrs. Johnston Deputy-Premier. Now as Premier, I feel that she is doing her best in a tough situation. I'll say this for her, she sure knows how to shut out the media when she wants to. Good skill for a politician to have nowadays, what with reporters all being socialistic sharks - that's a fact!

Mr. Vander Zalm, I myself have suffered personal and business loss in the past and experienced accusations and inquiries. My family back in Poland in the old days were subject to state intervention and socialist tyranny. In such times I and they turned to the Church for solace. I know that your faith will guide you in these days. He is always watching and only He can grant forgiveness.

Hang in there! You've still got my support 100% - count on it! Let me know if there is anything I can do to help. Have you established a defense fund or anything? People better get ready. Bill Vander Zalm is down, but he's not out - no way!

Bill Vander Zalm is innocent!  
Stand up for free enterprise!  
Think positive and keep smiling!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



WILLIAM VANDER ZALM  
MLA

## RICHMOND EAST CONSTITUENCY OFFICE

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April 29, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
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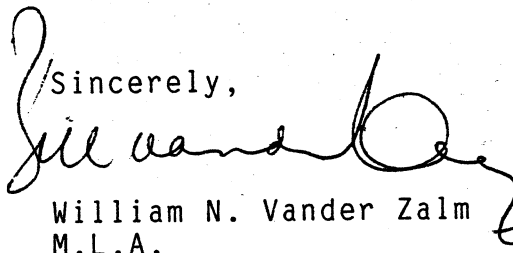
Dear Vince,

It's times like these when it's nice to know that you have real friends who'll take the time to write and assist as you did.

The last number of weeks have been extremely difficult for Lillian, myself and family. We do not agree with the findings of the Hughes' report, but are unable to answer back since the media would simply continue their attacks.

We continue to have strong faith in God and believe He does have a plan even though He only shows us a little piece at a time. The truth will prevail in the end and a direction shown us. Thank you for your offer to assist and please be assured that as we begin the next chapter, I will pursue your offer of help.

Sincerely,



William N. Vander Zalm  
M.L.A.

WVZ/mg

VINCENT G. KRAKO

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P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC V5K 4W5 Canada

12 May 1991

John Reynolds  
M.L.A.  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C.  
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Dear Mr. Reynolds,

What is it with the press and you? A decent man of business can't seem to get anything done these days without some reporter sticking his nose in. I guess these assignment editors sit around picking their you-know-whats thinking, "Hmmm, slow news day today, I'll have to send one of my 'pit bulls' out to pick on John Reynolds. He's always good for a story and some cheap confrontational journalism." Well enough is enough! I'm here to tell you that I don't believe any of these press reports of you being involved with shady characters or questionable deals. I support you absolutely 100% - you bet! This new company you are working on sounds great, could you send me a brochure or other publicity regarding its activities? Hey, I'm in business too - building maintenance and janitorial consulting. I'm always looking for good investment opportunities.

Mr. Reynolds, I was sorry to see you leave as Environment Minister and very sorry to hear that you won't be running for leader of Social Credit. You would make a great Premier and would get my backing - count on it! But you are going to stand for re-election as an M.L.A. aren't you? We need an intelligent man like you in Victoria. The way things are going the NDP may get in and we'll need a strong opposition to keep them honest and stop them from wrecking the province.

What you are doing now is just as good, though - creating jobs. That was excellent the way you told off that dumb guy from BCTV or CBC or whatever the network, they're all the same bunch of liars anyway. How many jobs has the media create recently? None! Newspapers and television stations are too busy going out of business and laying people off to do the economy any good. It is to sharp, aggressive entrepreneurs such as yourself that society must look to for progress and growth. All the best in your new venture and remember that Vince is pulling for you.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for Free Enterprise!

Sincerely,

Vince

*May 22, 1991*

*Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
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*Dear Vince:*

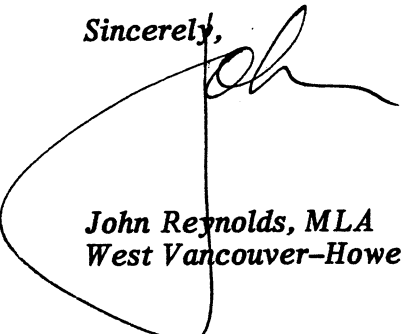
*Thank you very much for your letter – it is nice to know that there are people who really know what the media is up to.*

*My company is just getting started and once we are a little further down the road I will put you on the mailing list.*

*Yes, I am going to stand for re-election – as long as the people want to keep electing me I find it a very enjoyable job.*

*Once again thank you for your support.*

*Sincerely,*



*John Reynolds, MLA  
West Vancouver-Howe Sound*

VINCENT G. KRAKO

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P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC V5K 4W5 Canada

20 May 1991

Bill Vander Zalm  
M.L.A., Richmond  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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Dear Mr. Vander Zalm,

Isn't that too bad about your appeal to the courts being dismissed. Where do you go from here? The Reform Party definitely deserves some looking into. But I tell you the negative nellys are everywhere. It is going to be very difficult for you to make any moves because the press and their socialistic allies will be hounding you all the way.

Mr. Vander Zalm, it was great to see you sitting in the legislature. As you of course know, I am not one of those who characterize the section you are sitting in as a 'rogue's gallery.' It looks like you are seated next to Bill Reid. You know that this whole attack on you started with him. The media has harassed Mr. Reid mercilessly for years - ever since that odometer thing. When they forced his resignation over the good work he was doing with those Go B.C. lottery funds it was just a practice run before taking you on. I greatly admire Mr. Reid and have communicated my support to him on a number of occasions. Maybe you two guys should form a new party or, better yet, create a block of power within Social Credit and give it back to all the people. I just joined the Party so I'll be ready to stand with you.

If there is one positive thing about you being a regular M.L.A. again is that you can really speak your mind and say whatever you want. And I like the things you've been saying recently. Do you have a copy of your recent comments in the legislature. Hang in there, Bill, Richmond East needs you for the next election. I know the loyal people there will send you back to Victoria to stand up for British Columbia and what it is that's right.

Defend Bill Vander Zalm!  
Stand up for free enterprise!  
You can't fool all the people!

Sincerely,

Vince



June 12, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P.O. Box 69323 / Station K  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

My apologies for the long delay in responding to your letter which was just provided me recently. Your message was both a comfort and inspiration for Lillian and I.

The last several months have been extremely difficult for Lillian, myself and family especially since we do not agree with the findings of the Hughes Report, or the methods used. We find it very difficult to respond and tell our side since any comment made would only be used by the media for further attack.

Despite all that's been said, written or shown on TV, we took nothing from the government, the people or Party and gave no special favors to anyone. We received only that due us for the sale of our home and business - a sale forced upon us through the pressures from Opposition, media and special interest groups.

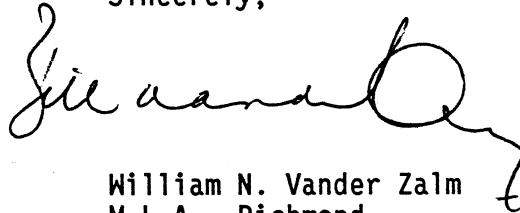
We continue to have strong faith in God and believe that He does have a plan even though He shows us only a little piece at a time. The truth will prevail in the end.

It is during times like these when you come to know true friends who take the trouble to write and offer their support as you have done.

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As requested, enclosed herewith is a copy of HANSARD dated May 13, 1991, which contain my comments made in the House regarding Fantasy Garden World and constitutional reform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Vander Zalm". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

William N. Vander Zalm  
M.L.A., Richmond

Encl.

MR. COUVELIER: Mr. Speaker, I'd like to ask leave of the House to make a member's statement.

Leave granted.

MR. COUVELIER: Thank you to my colleagues for allowing me this rather unusual opportunity to expand on a matter of great concern to me personally and possibly to all members of the Legislature.

Members will know that I had intended today to bring a motion before the House that would have the effect of instructing the ombudsman to investigate the circumstances surrounding the alleged violation by myself of section 217 of the Financial Institutions Act. For what appears to be a variety of constitutional problems, it would appear that option is not practicable for me to pursue today. Therefore I wanted to first of all put on the record clarification of some of the circumstances around this issue that I feel have been misrepresented. Secondly, I wanted to serve notice on my intended course of action.

First of all, I want to make it plain that, contrary to the suspicions of some, I requested that the actions of myself as Minister of Finance be the subject of a written report by the Attorney-General's Ministry. There was a feeling abroad that this initiative was somehow undertaken by my staff, independent of my knowledge. I want the House to know quite clearly that I requested that clarification.

Secondly, I'd like the House to know that I have not had access to all of the particulars and opinions around this issue. As a consequence, I find myself unable to speak with any authority on the allegations laid against me.

Thirdly, I'd like to point out for the record that the Attorney-General and the leader of the government party have, in effect, received one opinion, three times — with variations each time.

Fourthly, I'd like to confirm for the record that there is nothing new in these allegations which was not already included in Ted Hughes' report and Ted Hughes' material. There seems to be some confusion on that point.

I'd also like to make it plain on the record that my remedies, as I pursued them, were to first of all ask for a charge under this act, if I have violated the act. As you know, that does not appear to be an option. Secondly, I had asked that all of the opinions be disclosed; that also was refused. Thirdly, in the absence of those things, I said, "Let's embark on a judicial inquiry"; that also has been refused. I am left then only with an appeal to the ombudsman.

For that reason, Mr. Speaker, I will today formally ask the leader of the opposition party and the leader of the government party to join me in a reference to the ombudsman, where I would ask him to judge the truthfulness of the allegation that I have broken the law. I do this in the interest of clarifying future roles and responsibilities for anyone else who may hold office in government; and also, obviously, for the purpose of clarifying my integrity and my character, which I think have been impugned unfairly.

[2:30]

### Point of Privilege

#### FORMER PREMIER'S OWNERSHIP OF FANTASY GARDEN WORLD INC.

MR. VANDER ZALM: Mr. Speaker, the opposition member for New Westminster (Ms. A. Hagen) stood in this assembly on May 8, 1991, and accused me of a deliberate and wilful attempt to suppress information concerning a reorganization of the shares of Fantasy Gardens from this assembly on March 11, 1991. The member alleged that by my conduct on that date — March 11, 1991 — I was obstructing and impeding your parliamentary duty as a Speaker in relation to the motion of privilege made by the member for New Westminster.

Mr. Speaker, those accusations are not true. I hardly need to say that I find such an accusation to be offensive. It is made even more outrageous by the fact that the materials filed by the opposition member do not support in any way the bringing of such a serious and offensive allegation.

In making her statements to this assembly on May 8, 1991, the member for New Westminster seems to have forgotten the materials included in her motion of privilege made on March 11, 1991. As you will recall, Mr. Speaker, those materials included the company documentation that evidenced the share reorganization of Fantasy Garden World Inc. in April 1989. Indeed, those documents formed the very foundation of the member's motion.

As I understand it, the member for New Westminster takes the position that these documents show that in April 1989 and later I must have known the full extent of my share holdings in Fantasy Gardens. But when you read the member's statement to this assembly on May 8, 1991, you are left with the impression that there was no discussion of the April 1989 share reorganization in this assembly on March 11, 1991. You are left with the impression that I somehow concealed the facts of the reorganization from this assembly because I did not specifically mention the reorganization in my statement on March 11, 1991.

I must say that I fail to see how I can be accused of a deliberate and wilful attempt to suppress information concerning the reorganization of the shares of Fantasy Gardens in speaking to this assembly on March 11, 1990, when the details of that share reorganization formed the basis of the allegations made against me by the member for New Westminster. Those details had been fully disclosed to this assembly before I rose to speak in response to the allegations against me. My response to the member's comments on March 11 — and my response now to her comments of March 8 — is that I was not, and never have been, concerned with the details of the shareholdings between my wife and myself. So there is no misunderstanding of my position.

I would like to repeat what I said to this assembly on March 11, 1991, with respect to the suggestion by the member of the opposition that the April 1989 share reorganization must have made apparent to me the

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true extent of my shareholdings. This is from page 24 of *Hansard*:

"You know, if I were in a partnership with anyone on the other side, I may want to know exactly each and every day of the week, week of the year or month of the year, where it is my shares or somebody else's shares. . . . My partnership was with my wife, and I have been married to my wife for 35 years. It's a lifetime contract. I don't have to check on my wife; my wife doesn't have to check on me. It doesn't matter what you put to paper, the fact remains that when you're married for 35 years — and, I would suggest, for a whole lot less, for that matter — whatever is yours is your wife's, and vice versa. That's how I have always gone through life, and that's how I intend to continue going through life. I hope to be married to Lillian for another 35 years, and I'm not going to be checking contracts or be worried about what perhaps might have been signed by one or the other."

That statement reflects how I dealt with the April 1989 share reorganization. The testimony given by my accountant, Mr. Vegt, which was placed before this assembly by the member for New Westminster on May 8, 1991 is also helpful in understanding the share reorganization and my view of it. Mr. Vegt testified that the purpose of this share reorganization was to permit capital gains to be crystallized in the event of a possible sale of the assets of Fantasy Gardens. Mr. Vegt's testimony makes it clear that the relative relationship of the shareholdings of my wife and myself was not an issue in that reorganization. All that had been changed or reorganized was the nature of the shares held.

Again, so there is no misunderstanding, I would like to quote from page 5 of the testimony of Mr. Vegt before Mr. Hughes.

"At that time, in that there were some potential sales out there, we knew that likely a potential purchaser would not be buying shares but would be buying assets of the company. We also knew that by selling assets, neither the company nor Mr. or Mrs. Vander Zalm would be eligible to claim the capital gain exemption, the \$500,000 tax-free gain that they would be entitled to if they would have sold shares. So we did a reorganization in order to allow them, even on an asset sale, to utilize this capital gain exemption. So we reorganized the company, to allow them down the road, if that's what would have happened, by exchanging shares. . . . We exchanged the existing common shares for preferred shares in the same pro rata relationship as was there before and reissued new common shares also in this same relationship. So the pro rata relationship between Mr. and Mrs. did not change as a result of this reorganization. It was strictly an exchange of shares to allow certain things to happen if a sale would be consummated."

As I said earlier, I am at a loss as to what information about the share reorganization I am accused of concealing from this House on March 11, 1991. The member for New Westminster, in her statement on May 8, 1991, referred to the testimony of Mr. Vegt, Mr. Kendler and Dr. Emerson before Mr. Hughes concerning the preparation of my October 5, 1990 letter to the people of British Columbia and to documents prepared by those individuals and produced to Mr. Hughes which pertained to the preparation of that letter.

There is no information in that material about the share reorganization that was not before this House on March 11, 1991, other than Mr. Vegt's succinct and very helpful explanation of the purpose of that reorganization which I have just read. Of course, it was not available on March 11, as Mr. Vegt had not yet testified before Mr. Hughes. The opposition member put particular emphasis upon Dr. Emerson's testimony that he found some weakness in my explanation with respect to the ownership of Fantasy Gardens. I appreciate that it was Dr. Emerson's view that my explanation may not be persuasive to some. The very fact that I am standing here today responding to this motion shows that Dr. Emerson was quite perceptive in his advice. But the fact remains that the explanation I gave was the only one I could give, because it is the truth.

In this regard, I note that the opposition member did not refer to the testimony about the October 5, 1990 letter given by the two individuals who originally advised me as to my shareholdings — Mr. Kendler and Mr. Vegt. To assist me in the preparation of my October 5 letter, both these gentlemen prepared for me documents setting out the advice which they had given with respect to my shareholdings. They did so to ensure that my explanation in the public letter would reflect the events as accurately as all involved could recollect them. In addition, both these gentlemen reviewed a draft of my October 5, 1990 letter and made comments on it. Those comments were incorporated into the October 5, 1990 letter.

Mr. Speaker, all the materials put before you by the member for New Westminster on May 8, 1991 reveal the process of my consultation with my advisers about my October 5, 1990 letter to the public. I engaged in that process to ensure the accuracy of the explanation given in that letter concerning the misstatements I made about my shareholdings, but there is nothing in this material which shows that those misstatements about my shareholdings were deliberate or wilful.

The opposition has been quick with its allegations of deliberate and wilful misconduct on my part as a member of this assembly. In my respectful submission, this is an abuse of the motion of privilege. I submit that the motion and statements made by the member for New Westminster are nothing more than a political attempt to divert this assembly from the important business of the day. The motion is a tactic to keep the attention of this assembly focused on the issue of the sale of Fantasy Gardens, because the opposition perceives it to be to their political advantage to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I say this because the materials put before you by the member for New Westminster on May 8, 1991 provide no foundation for the serious accusation that I withheld important and relevant information from you. The materials were designed to supplement those materials already before you on the motion that accuses me of the serious offence of deliberately and wilfully misleading this House. But in none of the materials filed on either March 11 or May 8 is there any statement made by me to this assembly where I have stated something to this assembly which is false — not one statement.

Mr. Speaker, these materials do show that I ought to have known the extent of my shareholdings in Fantasy Gardens. Mr. Speaker, I am embarrassed once again to have to say that I was mistaken about that matter. I have admitted this mistake time and time again since September of last year. It was a mistake, but that's all it was; it was not a lie.

I also recognize that this mistake has caused the Speaker and this assembly to have been misled as to the extent of my shareholdings. I refer in particular to page 4308 of *Hansard* from May 5, 1988, which was placed before you by the member for New Westminster on March 11, 1991. The Speaker is reported as stating:

"What emerges from the material before me is that apparently a leasing arrangement exists between the company owned or controlled by Mr. Toigo and the company known as Fantasy Gardens, in which the Premier is a minority shareholder.

"It further appears from material filed and from excerpts from *Hansard* that the lessor company is not operated by the Premier, although his interest in the company is fully disclosed in his filed declaration with this House and is apparently freely admitted in *Hansard* and in the press reports."

Mr. Speaker, it is true that I was not involved in the operations of Fantasy Gardens. There is no dispute about that. It is also true that my interest in the company was disclosed in the manner required by the Financial Disclosure Act in the declaration filed with this House.

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However, the statement that I was a minority shareholder is not correct. I accept this misstatement by the Speaker to be my responsibility. I ought to have known the extent of my share holdings in Fantasy Gardens. I ought to have been in a position to correct the Speaker when the misstatement was made about these share holdings. I did not do so, because I was mistaken about the extent of my share holdings. In the result, the Speaker and this assembly were misled to believe that I was a minority shareholder. For that I apologize to you, Mr. Speaker, and to all members of this assembly.

## Orders of the Day

### Throne Speech Debate (continued)

MS. CULL: The Speech from the Throne is the government's main opportunity to set out their vision for the province. It's the time when the governing party can set out clearly for all to see what their values are and what their vision is, what are the challenges as they see them and what are the priorities that they're going to pursue in the next year.

We're certainly at a time in this country and in this province where we have a very great need for leadership and vision. The challenges that face us with respect to the constitution, the economy and our environment require bold new thinking. The persistent social problems related to poverty, and the immense changes that are being brought about in our society as a result of aging, immigration and changes in the roles

of women and the family, mean that it is very important that the government be clear about their values and their priorities for tackling these new and emerging and the long-standing problems that face us.

I think also that it's not unreasonable, in the fifth year of the government's mandate, to expect to see some continuity, a sense of progress, some sense that directions that were set out in earlier years are being achieved or, if they're not being achieved, that new ideas are being proposed instead. Unfortunately, this Speech from the Throne fails to do this.

The failure cannot be blamed, however, on any lack of analysis of the problems facing the province. The Leader of the Opposition said last week that we have no shortage of royal commissions, round tables, task forces, committees and whatever. We have a very dedicated civil service. But what we have is a vacuum at the top. We have an almost total lack of leadership and ideas coming from the Social Credit politicians who are supposed to be governing this province.

Instead of a visionary statement that sets out concrete ideas about how government's going to manage our natural resources so that we and our children have jobs; instead of making it clear that we must protect and enhance the environment and our quality of life, our urban areas, our education, our social and health programs; instead of making it clear that these are the key to attracting investment to this province and also to meeting the needs of British Columbians; instead of reassuring British Columbians that this government recognizes the turmoil that it's in and is prepared to provide open government and stability and an end to the special deals for friends and insiders; instead of all that, this throne speech is simply a rehash of old promises. It's a vague shopping list without any sense of direction. When it's not vague it's unbelievable, because it contains policies that until very recently the Social Credit government ridiculed and opposed. It sounds like something that's been hastily patched together by a government which had other things on its mind than the welfare of British Columbians.

Last year's Speech from the Throne, the first that I was privileged to hear in this assembly, was characterized by the government as having to do with choice, challenge and change. The government this year hasn't attached any labels to the speech, but I would like to propose that instead of the three C's from last year we have the three R's: rehash, recount and retreat.

I was elected some 16 months ago, not because the people of Oak Bay-Gordon Head were happy with the policies of this government, but because they wanted a change. After reviewing the speech, the people in my community will have to conclude that the Social Credit government simply isn't listening to them, that instead it has grown arrogant and stale and is concerned only with holding onto power.

One of the major issues of concern to my community is the environment. Whenever I'm out talking to people in the community, it's still the number one issue they bring up. They know what needs to be done, but they're tired of talk and want some action. They want action to clean up the beaches and the water around

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21 May 1991

Mel Couvelier  
M.L.A.  
The Parliament Buildings  
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Dear Mr. Couvelier,

Right-on! First in the race, first to the finish! I'm tempted to say that I support you 100%, but until all the candidates for the leadership of the great Social Credit Party declare themselves and nominations close I'll have to hold back. In all honesty, though, you are a top notch contender - you bet!

Mr. Couvelier, I was very disappointed that you had to resign as Finance Minister. It should have been you giving that budget speech today - and what an excellent budget! I'm a small businessman and don't have any problems with big business paying there fair share of taxes. They may squawk and complain but you only have to ask yourself one thing, would you rather have the NDP? I don't think so. All and all you did the right thing and are an honourable man. I don't pay the press any mind at all. You can be assured that they will hound you about your involvement in the Fantasy Garden affair - they'll hound you like they hounded the great Premier Vander Zalm. But I know you can handle it. That is one thing about your political style that I admire - you don't take any s\*\*t from the media. Put them nosey reporters in their place and you can't go wrong - count on it!

I'm really getting excited about this leadership race. I recently joined the Party and will be following developments closely and talking about the issues with everyone I know. This convention is really going to give Social Credit some good coverage, raise the Party's profile, lift us out of this slump we're in and get everybody back on side. I really like your call to Liberals and Reformers to join with Social Credit. We are the only free enterprise alternative and free enterprise is the only system worth living under. How about sending me your official photo and some campaign literature? Do you have a platform statement ready to go? Hope to hear from you soon.

Go for it and good luck!  
May the best man win!  
Social Credit - the best!

Sincerely,

Vince



May 30, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
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Dear Vince:

*Thank you for your enthusiastic letter of May 21, 1991. I agree with you that this leadership convention can position the Party so that an election win later this year is possible.*

*My candidacy is gaining strength day by day. My message is quite clear, the Party must welcome back all of those supporters who have traditionally been with us. We must be prepared to listen closely to their ideas and most important of all, we must satisfy the voter that we are prepared to change.*

*Thank you for your support. Good government is worth fighting for!*

Yours sincerely,

Mel Couvelier, M.L.A.  
Saanich and the Islands

VINCENT G. KRAKO

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5 June 1991

Claude Richmond  
Minister of Forests  
The Parliament Buildings  
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Dear Mr. Minister,

I am very disappointed that you won't be seeking the leadership of the great Social Credit Party. Why don't you go for it? I hope you'll stand as an MLA at the next election. My buddy in Kamloops is a big supporter of yours - count on it! As I wrote to you exactly one year ago, you would have been my number one choice for the number one job if for any reason Mr. Vander Zalm has to step down. Well he had to step down, much to my dismay. I must say I really admired the way you stood by Mr. Vander Zalm to the end. As much as they tried the media failed to get you to comment against him. He was the leader and you gave him the loyalty the position of Premier deserves - you bet!

Mr. Minister, I recently joined the Party and am very concerned about our chances. What must we do to renew ourselves and ward off the socialists? If those NDPers get in we might as well kiss the forest industry goodbye. I swear they're ready to give it all away to the Indians and eco-fags. We can't let that happen - no way! The industry has enough problems what with the recession, bad international publicity (courtesy of those Greenpeace traitors) and land claims. How can we drop those trees, get them to market and keep everybody happy? You got a tough job but I know you got what it take to do it right. Hang in there! How can we counteract these slanders and lies against B.C.'s number one industry? Maybe you have some recent policy statement you could send me.

It's been a rough year for the free enterprise option but we must keep it alive. You've managed to keep your head above the 'scandal' waters and just done your work. Keep it up! All the best and thank you for your exemplary service to the province and for your time and consideration in reading my letter.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Forests forever!  
Free enterprise - the best!

Sincerely,

Vince



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July 3, 1991

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Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
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Vancouver, British Columbia  
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr Krako:

Thank you for your kind letter and generous comments.

I agree with your views that free enterprise is the key to our future. One has only to look around the world and see the failure of socialism.

Again, thanks for the letter and for your support.

Yours truly,

Claude Richmond  
Minister of Forests

Enclosures

VINCENT G. KRAKO  
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5 June 1990

Peter Dueck  
M.L.A.  
The Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
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Dear Mr. Dueck

I wrote you not long ago as Mr. Minister but now as a hard working M.L.A. You'll be back in cabinet soon - you bet! Those darn N.D.P.ers think they're pretty clever getting you in hots water. Don't let it get you down. I'm behind you 110% and know in my heart of hearts you innocent of these phoney baloney scandal charges.

You were over there in Europe serving British Columbians for the better. Besides, your fine Deputy Minister of Health at time, Mr. Dubas, says he pay back all money that that big German company shell out. That good enough for me to believe!


I noted that Vaughn Palmer in the Vancouver Sun said you were well respected in the Legislature. No surprise to me. Then people like the nurses union and doctors association are saying good riddance and you "struggled" as a Minister of the Crown - bah! What do they know about being a servant of the people elected by a big majority to do a tough, tough job - not much!

You're a right thinking man with lots of guts. You're going to hang in there, aren't you? I hope so. What's your strategy to fight this socialist smear campaign and how can I help?

Just wanted to send you my support. All the best!

Fight, fight, fight!  
Stand up for British Columbia!  
Dueck's not down!

Sincerely,

  
Vincent G. Krako



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June 24, 1991

Mr. Vince Krako  
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Vancouver, British Columbia  
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Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for your letter of June 5, 1991 and  
congratulations on my appointment to cabinet.

You are correct, you have not heard me declare my intent to  
run for the leadership of the Social Credit Party - nor do I  
intend to do so. My support is pledged to Rita Johnston as  
I am sure she is, and will continue to be, an excellent  
Premier.

Again, thank you for your thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Dueck  
Minister of Advanced Education,  
Training and Technology



VINCENT G. KRAKO

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P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
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20 June 1991

Bill Vander Zalm  
M.L.A., Richmond  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
V8V 1X4

Dear Bill,

Counting down to the leadership deadline. You've got to make your move this week. What it is we need is a real leadership race for the great Social Credit Party. Apathy is rampant. The only cure is for some of that old Vander Zalm magic. Come on, Bill, go for it! You know you've got my support 100% - you bet! I was very unhappy that the Party executive and now the caucus rejected the notion of a universal ballot for Party leader. I can't get to the convention, but I want to vote for the leader. I also heard that Lillian did not get delegate status. Is that true? How shocking! All Party members deserve a vote. How can this policy be changed?

Did you have a good time in Europe? Beautiful season for a visit. I spent a summer in Holland several years ago. I was in the area of Lisse. Marvellous! The Dutch are masters of tulips, cheese and beer, that's for sure. Were you on a bulb buying spree or just on vacation? By the way, I was at one of my favourite restaurants the other day. Felicia's on East Hastings near Nanaimo Street. I noticed that they had a thank you letter and an autographed photo from you in their window. I think it is just faaaaaaantastic that, despite all the media attacks, people are still proud to display their connections with you - and in the heart of N.D.P. 'turf' to boot! It just goes to show how much support there is out there for you. Yes, Felicia's is a great little eatery, isn't it? Their lasagna is the best in the city in my opinion.

Hang in there! We're all waiting for the next chapter of your career to begin. Thank you for your consideration. God bless you and your family.

I'm backing Bill!  
Stand up for Social Credit!  
Free enterprise forever!

Best personal regards,

Your friend,

Vincent



July 5, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P.O. Box 69323 / Station K  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5K 4W5

Dear Vince:

Thank you very much for your very good and supportive letter of June 20th.

I enclose herewith a copy of the statement announced by me on June 27th stating why I could not participate in the Leadership contest.

I'm very grateful for the many good friends who have worked so very hard on my behalf despite the many difficulties encountered.

Lillian, myself, two brothers and my sister enjoyed our trip to Holland. We did some business but most of our time was spent enjoying the beauty of Holland during the time of early summer. The weather was not entirely co-operative but we much enjoyed our time together and saw a good part of our land of birth that we had not seen before. We spent some time in Lisse, which was only 5 km from our hotel.

I intend to again visit Felicia's Restaurant in Vancouver, and like you, I very much enjoy this great little eatery and I, too, love their lasagna.

Thank you again....best wishes.

Sincerely,

William N. Vander Zalm  
M.L.A., Richmond

Enclosure

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY THANK ALL THOSE WHO'VE WORKED SO HARD TOWARDS MY AGAIN SEEKING THE POSITION OF LEADER FOR SOCIAL CREDIT IN THIS PROVINCE

THERE'S BEEN GREAT PRESSURE FROM MANY SUPPORTERS -- PEOPLE APPRECIATIVE OF MY PHILOSOPHY AND SUCCESS

THIS SUPPORT INCREASED WITH THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY OTHER LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES:

- ON THE ISSUE OF A BALANCED BUDGET
- TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ACT
- BILL 82, "FAIR COMPENSATION ACT"

THERE ARE ALSO MANY WHO APPRECIATE MY COMMUNITY AND FAMILY VALUES

I AM PERSONALLY ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT A LEADERSHIP RACE WILL GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ANSWERS AND EXPLANATIONS FOR THE IMPRESSIONS LEFT BY ERRONEOUS REPORTS RE "THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CHARGES"

I LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING IN THE RESOLUTION OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL DILEMMA AND TO PRESENTING MY APPROACH OF PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTIONS IN A CONFEDERATION OF PROVINCES. PEOPLE EVERYWHERE ARE SEEKING THEIR ROOTS AND PRESERVING VALUES - WHETHER IT BE THE U.S.S.R. OR U.S.A., YUGOSLAVIA OR CANADA - WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, MOVING TOWARDS GREATER ECONOMIC TIES - MY PLAN WOULD SATISFY THAT DESIRE AND MAKE CANADA STRONGER AND UNITED.

MY SUCCESS IN DEVELOPING FOR THE FIRST TIME AN APPROACH TO RESOLVE NATIVE INDIAN ISSUES NEEDS CAREFUL IMPLEMENTATION -- THE NDP APPROACH WOULD CAUSE HORRENDOUS DISSENTION AND POTENTIALLY BANKRUPT THE PROVINCE -- EVERYONE WOULD BE THE LOSER BY THAT.

I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE MY OBJECTIVE OF DEMOCRATIZING GOVERNMENT IN B.C. THROUGH THE USE OF REFERENDA, RECALL, FREE VOTE AND DEVISING A MEANS TO PROVIDE FOR A MORE POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE ROLE FOR THE OPPOSITION.

I HAVE ASSESSED MY CHANCES AGAINST THE OTHER LEADERSHIP CANDIDATES AND I BELIEVE I CAN MEET THE CHALLENGE AND WIN THE CONTEST -- I ALSO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE GENERALLY ARE AWARE AND APPRECIATIVE OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE LAST 5 YEARS WHICH HAS MADE THIS PROVINCE #1 IN CANADA -- I CAN TURN THIS INTO A SOCIAL CREDIT VICTORY --- I DOUBT HOWEVER THAT I COULD WIN THE PREDICTABLE ATTACK FROM CERTAIN MEDIA AND SOME PEOPLE IN IT -- I CAN PLAY ON ANY FIELD WITH THE SAME RULES APPLYING TO ALL BUT I CAN'T FIGHT SOMEONE MOVING THE POSTS DEPENDING ON WHO HAS THE BALL.

I DO NOT WISH TO PUT MY FAMILY, IMMEDIATE OR EXTENDED, NOR MY FRIENDS TO THE WORRY AND TRAUMA FROM UNFAIR ATTACK. I HAVE THEREFORE DECIDED TO DECLINE THIS OPPORTUNITY - TO AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING, REMAIN NEUTRAL -- AND TO WORK HARD FOR CONTINUED FREE ENTERPRISE IN THIS PROVINCE.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE CANDIDATES - TO YOU ALL AND GOD BLESS.

VINCENT G. KRAKO

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P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC V5K 4W5 Canada

20 June 1991

Mrs. Grace McCarthy  
MLA, Vancouver-Little Mountain  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C.  
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Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

Just a short note to urge you one more time to run for the Social Credit Party leadership. I am disappointed that the universal ballot for leader has been completely rejected. I will not be able to attend the convention, but I would have liked a vote. Maybe next leadership. What can be done to change the policy so that all members can vote?


Mrs. McCarthy, you have done so much for beautiful British Columbia and you could do so much more - you bet! Come on! Get in the race! That would really add some excitement. It's just not enough of a contest at this point. We don't want to crown our leader uncontested like the N.D.P. did with that Mike Harcourt.

Finally we have some sunny weather this week. I was in Victoria on business and the flowers in the gardens looked marvellous. Are you still connected with the florist trade? On a day like this it really is great to be living in a free enterprise society.

Mrs. McCarthy, you know I'm a big admirer of yours. Could I get your picture for my office. I want all I do business with to know who my heroes are. I'll hang you next to General Norman Schwarzkopf. Keep up the good work and thank you for your superlative service to the province.

Grace for leader!  
Stand up for Social Credit!  
Free enterprise forever!

Most sincerely,



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July 18, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako,  
P.O. Box 69323, Station K,  
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. ~~Krako~~ Krako:

Please find enclosed a copy of one of my recent photographs as requested. You also asked in your letter if I was still associated with the Florist Industry. The answer is that I am not, but when I have something special to say, I still "say it with flowers".

Your support for my leadership bid is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Grace M. McCarthy, M.L.A.  
Vancouver-Little Mountain

Encl.





VINCENT G. KRAKO

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P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC V5K 4W5 Canada

20 June 1991

John Reynolds, M.L.A.  
West Vancouver-Howe Sound  
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Dear Mr. Reynolds,

I know you've said no, but I just wanted to urge you one more time to go for the leadership of the Social Credit Party. I was sorry to see the Party executive and now the caucus reject the universal ballot for party leader. I won't be able to go to the convention but would sure like to vote. Maybe we can get the policy changed for next time.

I saw you being interviewed on cable television by that Kiernan guy from *The Province* newspaper. Your media presence and comments are always impressive. British Columbia needs the leadership skills you would bring to the Premier's Office. Besides beating the N.D.P., what would you say is the number one priority for Social Credit in the nineties? Your thoughts are always welcome.

Mr. Reynolds, you know I'm a big fan of yours. How about sending me a copy of your official legislative photograph? I'll add it to my collection of other great political leaders I admire. Remember, whatever you do, you can count on my support 100% - you bet! Thank you for your consideration of my opinions.

John Reynolds for leader!  
Stand up for Social Credit!  
Defeat the N.D.P!

Sincerely,



VINCENT G. KRAKO

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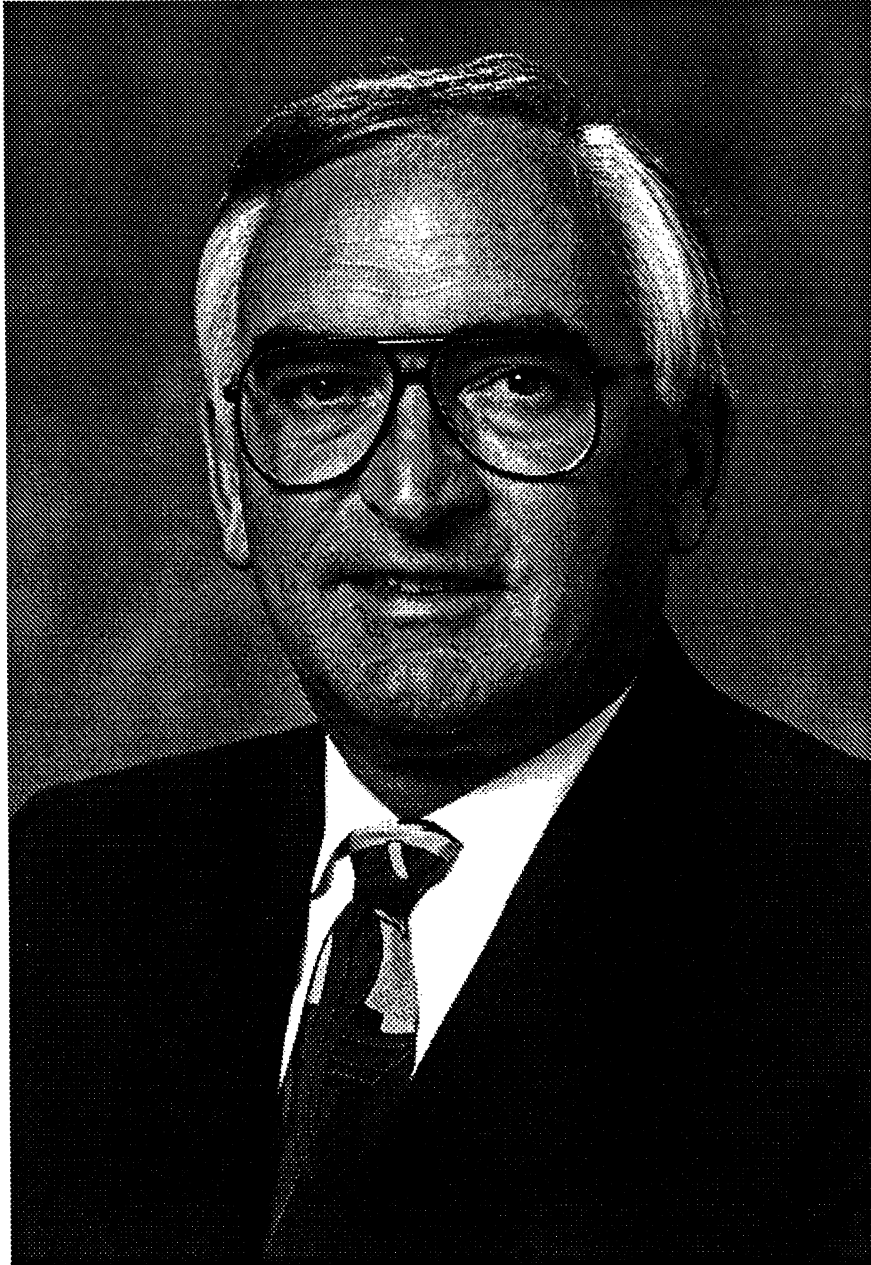
John Reynolds for leader!  
Stand up for Social Credit!  
Defeat the N.D.P!

Sincerely,

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# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
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24 June 1991

Russ Fraser  
Attorney General  
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Dear Mr. Attorney General,

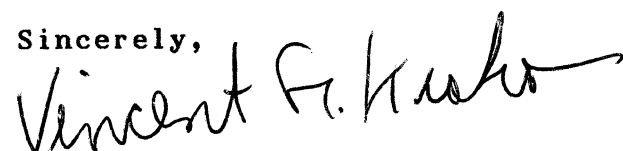
Well now it's your turn to be harassed by the wicked NDP-media alliance of falsehoods. When will it end? You were right to fire that civil servant in your office. He had no business leaking that wild letter which alleged organized crime connections to Social Credit members. You'll weather this storm of controversy yet. Like our great Premier Johnston, I support your decision 100% - you bet!

Mr. Attorney General, I sure would be hopping mad if I were you. How dare that Moe Sihota and those legislative reporters question your education and 'legal training.' They act as though you were some common goof off the street. You're a very well educated man and know exactly what you're doing. Why don't you go for the Social Credit leadership? I recently joined the Party and feel that the race needs more variety. Your leadership skills and good sense would be most welcome.

I don't have to tell you how important the next election is. Will you run again? I hope so. We need all the good people we can get to hold the socialist hounds at bay. Without Social Credit in power freedom, enterprise and individual initiative will be doomed. The pressure is on, that's for sure. How's your neck? I had pain and stiffness myself for years. Then I started these new exercises and took up swimming. It still act up when I'm stressed-out but not nearly as bad as before.

Take it easy and don't let your opponents get to you. You're doing a terrific job - keep it up! How about sending me your official photograph? I want to honour your exemplary service to this great province. Thank you for reading my letter and for your consideration.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Free enterprise forever!  
Law and order!

Sincerely,  


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July 2nd 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of June 24th in which you expressed your support of myself. I appreciate you taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russell G. Fraser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "F".

Russell G. Fraser  
Attorney General  
M.L.A. Vancouver South

Enclosure

# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

21 July 1991

Mrs. Grace McCarthy  
4610 Beverley Crescent  
Vancouver, BC  
V6J 4E6

Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

Well, needless to say, I am very disappointed that you did not win the leadership of the great Social Credit Party that you have served so faithfully and tirelessly over these many, many years. You were my number choice for that number one job. What will you do now? I'd sure like to see you stand for re-election in Vancouver-Little Mountain and take your seat in the legislature. Whatever your decision you'll have my support 100% - you bet!

It was a good campaign, a clean campaign and lots of good new ideas were aired and discussed. I was glad that you and the others got into the leadership race and really made it a contest. Premier Johnston has now truly earned her position and will do an excellent job at defeating the NDP.

Unity! That's what Social Credit needs now after such a close vote. It was very heartening to see you and Premier Johnston calling for party unity at the end of Saturday's events. I still think you should write that book about your years in public life. I'd especially like to hear your inside story about the re-building of the Party after the horrible 1972 defeat at the hands of the socialists. The Social Credit comeback of 1975 may hold some timely lessons for now and the future. You were the one, Grace, that made British Columbia safe for free enterprise again.

Thank you for your service and for your time and consideration in reading my letter. We need you in the legislature and in cabinet - so don't resign yet!

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for free enterprise!  
Grace McCarthy - a great British Columbian!

Sincerely,



GRACE M. MCCARTHY, M.L.A.  
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*July 28, 1991*

*Mr. Vincent G. Krako,  
P.O. Box 69323, Station K,  
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
V5K 4W5*

*Dear Vincent,*

*Many thanks for your kind letter. I was just delighted that the Convention was a great success. It was a far more exciting event than anyone thought it would be, and to think I entered the race just nineteen days before the convention. It was a remarkable accomplishment for my supporters who worked so hard.*

*We look forward to an election within the next few weeks, and I know you will be out there working very hard.*

*For me it will be a different election as I will not be a candidate, and will be looking forward to a most exciting private life.*

*All good wishes, and my sincere thanks for your thoughtful letter.*

*Sincerely,*

*Grace M. McCarthy, M.L.A.  
Vancouver-Little Mountain*



# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

7 August 1991

Bill Vander Zalm  
M.L.A., Richmond  
203-8171 Park Road  
Richmond, BC  
V6Y 1S9

Dear Bill,

Needless to say, I was very sad to hear that you will not be seeking re-election as an M.L.A. But I was excited to know that you have not retired from politics once and for all. You'll always have my support 100% - you bet! How will I be able to write to you with my comments and views regarding current issues of the day? Will you set up an office or something? Let me know, I want to stay in touch.

Bill, I am really looking forward to that book you are writing. I had hoped you would write one to tell all the people of beautiful British Columbia what it is you accomplished during your political career. Your comments last evening on the CBC about your relationship with the media were right-on. I agree, you probably did make yourself a little too available. Premier Johnston has a much different style. She don't take no 'you-know-what' from those sniping scribes. What a turn of events. The media is after you as always, not to push you out of a job but to offer you one. Go for it! It's about time we got some honest reporting. Whatever it is you'll be doing - radio, TV or newspaper - I'll be sure to listen, watch or read - count on it!

As for these criminal investigations into your business dealings, I am confident that Attorney General Russ Fraser will not lay charges. You did nothing wrong and are completely innocent. Still the waiting must be a strain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. You'll beat this rap yet!

Thank you for your years of exemplary service to this great province and for your consideration in reading my letter.

Stand up for free enterprise!  
Stand up for British Columbia!  
Bill Vander Zalm - what a great guy!

Sincerely,





August 27, 1991

Mr. Vince Krako  
P.O. Box 69323 / Station K  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5K 4W5

Dear Vince:

*You are one great guy! Your encouraging letter of support is the most. I am truly grateful for the many wonderful friends who can see through and beyond the media hype and appreciate the many good things that have happened in this Province.*

*I, too, look forward to the book. It's a lot of work and taking much time but hopefully we'll see it achieved before year's end.*

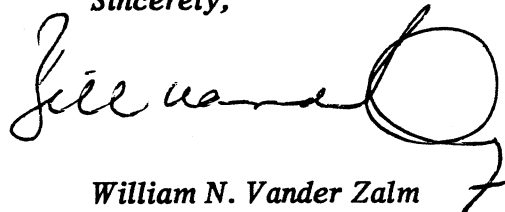
*I look forward to meeting you one day just so that we can exchange a few compliments. It feels good to be nice and to know nice people.*

*My home address is*

*3553 Arthur Drive  
Delta, B.C. V4K 3N2.  
Telephone number: 946-1774.*

*Give me a call sometime for a brief chat.*

*Sincerely,*



*William N. Vander Zalm  
M.L.A., Richmond*

# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

16 August 1991

Mel Couvelier  
M.L.A.  
The Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C.  
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Dear Mr. Couvelier,

I was quite saddened to learn that you will not run again for the Social Credit Party in Saanich. You were one of the best Finance Ministers this province ever had. Your background as a businessman was key. What are your plans now?

Mr. Couvelier, the last year has been a rough one for the government but we must keep the free enterprise option open. An NDP victory would be very distressing, we all know that. Especially now that the Supreme Court has ruled that Ottawa can cut provincial welfare payments. That's the first thing the socialists will do, hand out big bucks to slackers. It will break the bank for sure. A balanced 'Couvelier' budget is what we need - you bet! The fiscal responsibility that you set must be maintained.

You have served beautiful British Columbia well over the years. I admire and appreciate the hard work you've done. As for these media lies about your involvement in the Fantasy Garden affair and disputes with Grace McCarthy, I don't believe them for one second - no way! No matter what you do, you will always have my support 100% - count on it! Please send me one of your official photographs for my collection of great British Columbians, I want to honour your legacy. Thank you for reading my letter and for your consideration.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for Social Credit!  
Mel Couvelier - what a great guy!

Sincerely,

Vincent G. Krako

MEL COUVELIER, M.L.A.  
(SAANICH AND THE ISLANDS)  
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*August 28th, 1991*

*Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P.O. Box 69323  
Station K  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5K 4W5*

*Dear Mr. Krako:*

*Thank you for your kind letter of August 16th, 1991. I have truly enjoyed my years of political involvement. Supportive comments and letters from many British Columbians, such as yourself, has helped make it all worthwhile.*

*I am enclosing a photograph as you requested. I sincerely hope the future provides for your health and happiness. Thank you once again.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Mel Couvelier, M.L.A.  
Saanich and the Islands*

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# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

28 August 1991

Premier Rita M. Johnston  
The Premier's Office  
The Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
V8V 1X4

Dear Premier Johnston,

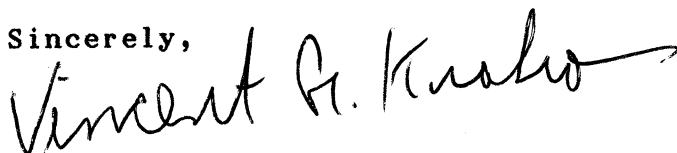
You did an outstanding job hosting the Premiers' Conference. I am really proud of you and our beautiful British Columbia. Many good ideas were put forward and discussed. It's only too bad you were not able to convince M. Bourassa to attend when you visited him recently. I like this idea of a Constituent Assembly to resolve the constitutional impasse. What is your position on this?

Madam Premier, an election is fast approaching and we've got to stand firm against the socialists. One only has to look to the mess they've created in Ontario to realize that the same thing will happen here. That Mike Harcourt says he'll do things differently than Premier Rae but I don't believe it for one second. As soon as he gets his hands on the provincial treasury - look out! It will be spend, spend, spend on useless programs for lazy bones and the big unions. You and your free enterprise team have been doing a great job, I just wish we had a little more time to turn people around. It's going to be close, but I think that Social Credit will get the majority it needs.

I'm a small businessman and things are really picking up for me now. The recession hurt a bit but not too bad. Your sensible economic and taxation policies have really been a boon. You and your whole cabinet have my support 100% - you bet! There is one thing I would like from you and that is your official Premier photograph. I requested one in an earlier letter but am still waiting for it. Maybe you could have one of your staff send it out. Come on, you're a good looking lady! My family and I want your picture for the election. We want everyone to know how much we support you. Thank you for your exemplary service to the province and for your consideration in reading my letter.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for Social Credit!  
Support the great Premier Johnston!

Sincerely,





Province of British Columbia  
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

September 16, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P. O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you very much for your recent supportive letter. Your encouragement and good wishes mean a great deal to me as I face the challenges ahead. The secret of Social Credit success over the years has been in providing good government to British Columbians - a tradition of success which, with your support, I hope to continue!

I welcome the comments you have made with respect to a Constituent Assembly, and appreciate your input. I very much support a strong united Canada, and share your desire to find constructive ways to resolve Canada's constitutional difficulties. Our Legislature has established a special committee to consult with British Columbians on these issues. As a result of these consultations, the Committee has completed a Preliminary Report which I have enclosed for your consideration. This Committee will continue the process of consultation allowing all interested British Columbians to express their views and present their suggestions.

Last year, our government enacted the Constitutional Amendment Approval Act. This legislation, the first in Canada, requires the approval of British Columbians by referendum before the Government can introduce a resolution for any constitutional amendment. With this Act, all British Columbians across the Province - not just the politicians - will have the final word on any proposed change to Canada's Constitution.

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Mr. Vincent Krako

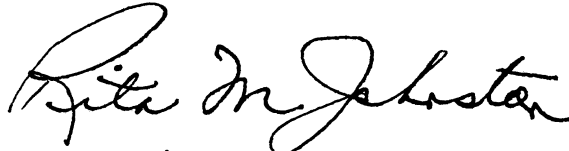
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September 16, 1991

With these new constitutional initiatives in place, I am not fully convinced an additional assembly of this nature, such as the Constituent Assembly, is indeed necessary.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept the enclosed signed photograph with my compliments and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rita M. Johnston". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Rita M. Johnston  
PREMIER

Enclosures





**Select Standing Committee  
on  
Constitutional Matters  
and  
Intergovernmental Relations**

*PRELIMINARY REPORT*

**Legislative Assembly  
of  
British Columbia**

# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

13 September 1991

Bill Vander Zalm  
M.L.A., Richmond  
203-8171 Park Road  
Richmond, BC  
V6Y 1S9

Dear Bill,

These are very serious criminal charges that have been levelled against you. But I know you are completely innocent and you will beat this rap - you bet! It is indeed curious that the trial will begin on the eve of a provincial election. I agree with you that there is something fishy going on. The socialists have a lot of influence over the justice system - so be careful!

Bill, you have served the public of beautiful British Columbia extremely well over the last twenty-five years. I have nothing but praise and respect for you. I never felt that my trust was breached. You've still got my support 100% - count on it! What can I do to help you in your hour of need? Has a defense fund been established or something?

Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. I know your strong faith in God and the love of your wife, Lillian, and the rest of your family will see you through this. I hope my letter reaches you care of your old constituency office. Where can I write to you in future? As far as I'm concerned you are still the most dynamic political force in B.C. I thought your recent speech to the Family Life Coalition Party about the horrors of abortion was excellent. I want to continue to give you my views and opinions on current issues. God bless you Bill Vander Zalm and thank you for your time and consideration.

Bill Vander Zalm is innocent!  
Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for free enterprise!

Sincerely,

your friend,





*September 19, 1991*

*Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P.O. Box 69323 / Station K  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5K 4W5*

*Dear Vince:*

*Thank you very much for your lovely letter of September 13, 1991, which was for me, a great comfort.*

*I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing this letter. Your support and prayers are most appreciated.*

*I look forward to meeting again. Best wishes.*

*Sincerely,*

*William N. Vander Zalm  
M.L.A. (Richmond)*

# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

19 October 1991

Mrs. Grace McCarthy  
4610 Beverley Crescent  
Vancouver, BC  
V6J 4E6

Dear Mrs. McCarthy,

The political life is a turbulent life - you bet! I should be crestfallen but my positive attitude just won't let me feel down. Social Credit, the great Social Credit that built this province up the glorious pinnacle it is today has stumbled. But the free enterprise option lives on - maybe in new colours, maybe not - but it lives! We'll give Premier Mike and his crew some time. The business world and the people will be watching - so watch out! Balance those books!

It was quite a campaign and I agree with you that Mrs. Johnston's handlers could have done things a lot differently. One thing that really bug me was those damn NDP ads that dredged up all the tired old scandals. I thought it really low that they used your picture with that big 'I QUIT' newspaper headline. Is that legal? Well, I just want you to know that in my opinion you are no quitter - no way!

Where does Social Credit go from here? Renewal or reassessment of priorities and loyalties? We 'lost' some good friends on election night. John Reynolds in particular, I was sure the 'Silver Drake' would hang on. But he will be back! I'll be looking forward to your observations and recommendations for beautiful British Columbia's future. I know you will be a big part of it and as always you've got my support 100% - count on it! Thank you for your service and for taking the time to read my letter.

Defend free enterprise!  
Defeat socialist tyranny!  
Stand up for Social Credit!

Sincerely,





Dec. 21, 1991

Dear Vince:

Thank you for your letter, it is much appreciated. The election was a real disaster, but it was predictable. The voters will not tolerate five years of scandal, no matter how good the economy or the policies of government. Rita reminded everyone of the five years, &

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The party failed to offer  
a vision for the future.  
People want & need  
hope — They were given  
negativism by both  
parties. Without the  
debate, the N.D.P. would  
have more seats.

Where do we go from  
here? I think we can  
only stay by the  
sidelines & observe for  
the next six months.

It's a time to be quiet,  
& to listen. Maybe  
the Liberals will fall  
on their faces — or the

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NDP will repeat the  
errors of 1972-75. The  
can hope!

For us, as Social  
Creditors, we can be glad  
that we'll hear no more  
from the back room boys.  
The grass roots will  
be all that is left, &  
we've been there before.

Have a rest Vince -  
& keep the faith. Thanks  
for all your support  
always.

Sincerely,

Chas.



# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

22 October 1991

Cliff Serwa  
M.L.A. - Okanagan West  
Parliament Buildings  
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Dear Mr. Serwa,

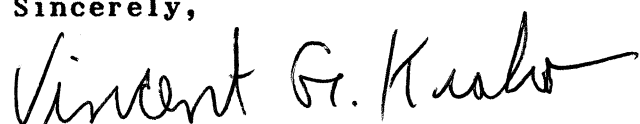
Congratulations on your re-election. I only wish more Social Credit M.L.A.'s had been returned. I find the prospect of an N.D.P. government very disturbing. I'm a small businessman and am fearful that the squeeze will soon be on. But the Sacred 'Group of Seven' will defend us from socialism - you bet!

My buddy in Kelowna is big supporter of yours. 'If the Okanagan needs it, Cliff is on it,' is what he say. What do you think will be your most important challenge in the months ahead? Rebuilding the party is essential as is the selection of an interim leader. I see that Mr. Weisgerber is being touted as your new chief. He's a good man, but in my opinion all of you are qualified. Many claim that these are dark days for Social Credit. I don't believe it for one second. That was said in 1986 before the great Premier Vander Zalm led us to victory. (I always liked his style, and I note that you remained loyal to the end - good going!)

I know that with the hard work of you and your courageous colleagues the mighty Social Credit Party will rise again. After all, beautiful British Columbia without Social Credit is like a slice of Okanagan apple pie without Armstrong cheddar. Hang in there, Cliff! You've got my support 100% - count on it! Please send me your autographed photo. I want to honour your commitment to free enterprise and demonstrate my admiration for your stance. Thank you for your fine service to the province and for your consideration in reading my letter.

Stand up for Social Credit!  
Stand up for British Columbia!  
Free enterprise forever!

Sincerely,



Oct. 29, 1991.

Dear Mr. Krako,

Thank you for your warm words of encouragement and support. I have been receiving letters and phone calls since Oct 19 all with the same encouraging words.

Believe me, Social Credit is alive and well. What we must do during the next year is to rebuild + strengthen each + every constituency. We must look for the very best candidates so that we are prepared for the next election.

It is my firm believe that

we will again become the 'grassroots' party we once were.

I'm going to need your help, Mr. Krako - each of us must rebuild + renew according to our outreach and your commitment.

Sincerely,

Cliff Serwa



# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

24 October 1991

Jack Weisgerber  
M.L.A. - Peace River South  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Weisgerber

Congratulations on your re-election and on your selection as House Leader of the Social Credit caucus. I knew that we were in trouble but I never thought the socialists would deliver such a crushing blow. We will really need all the debating skills you and your colleagues can muster to defend us from the radical policies of those darn NDPers. I'm not convinced that the Liberals will provide the strong free enterprise opposition required.

Mr. Weisgerber, you did a great job as a Minister of the Crown and you'll do an even better job in this new role - you bet! I have ever confidence in you. I sure glad the voters in the Peace country kept the faith and returned two for Social Credit. As Mrs. Johnston said recently, Social Credit will stand and be represented in next election. You and the rest of the 'Group of Seven' are the seeds of SoCred revival - hallelujah! British Columbians will see the error of their ways and will return to Social Credit - just you wait and see.

I'm a small businessman and I know the meaning of hard work and an honest dollar earned. Self reliance, economic freedom, family, morality and order - these are the things we must stand for. Only Social Credit can maintain these sacred values. Well, as you can tell by now I am a huge fan. How about sending me your autographed picture? I want to honour you and demonstrate the admiration I hold for your leadership. Remember, you've got my support 100% - count on it! Thank you for your exemplary service to the province and for your consideration in reading my letter.

Stand up for Social Credit!  
Stand up for British Columbia!  
Free enterprise forever!

Sincerely,

*Vincent G. Krako*

JACK WEISGERBER, M.L.A.  
(SOUTH PEACE RIVER)  
103, 10312 — 12TH STREET  
DAWSON CREEK, B.C.  
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January 9, 1992

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
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Vancouver, British Columbia  
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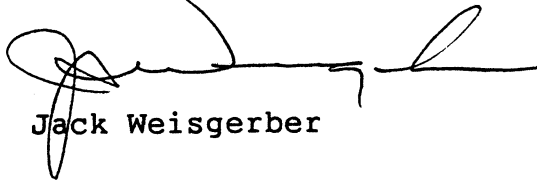
Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you so much for your very kind letter of October 24, 1991. My apologies for the long delay in responding. Enclosed is the photo you requested.

The past two months have proven to be as you predicted. Huge I.C.B.C. rate increases and threats of cancellation of home owner grants are only the beginning.

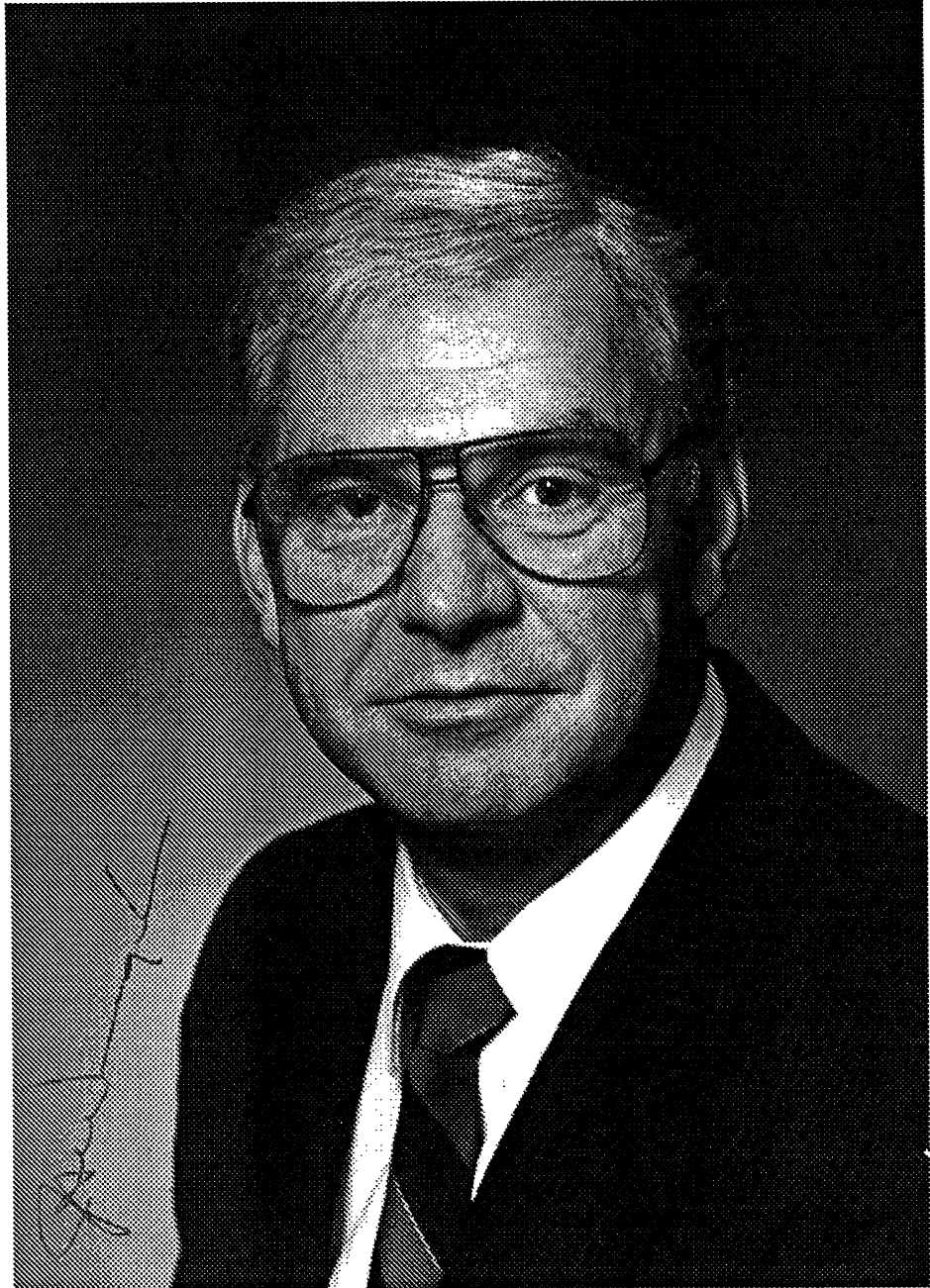
I am very optimistic about the future of the Social Credit Party. The enthusiasm for the upcoming Convention is encouraging.

Yours truly,



Jack Weisgerber

Enclosure



# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

28 October 1991

Harry De Jong  
M.L.A. - Abbotsford  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. De Jong

Well, at least the voters of Abbotsford got some sense left. You and the rest of the 'Group of Seven' got your work cut out for you now. Those Liberals will be useless in opposition. I believe that only the great Social Credit Party can defend us from the atrocities of socialism. I own my own business and frankly I'm scared. The university professors and social workers are running the show now so look out!

Mr. De Jong, I have watched your performance in the legislature over the years. Morality and integrity are your hallmarks. We who believe in life and freedom will be on our guard now. What advice do you have for your supporters in these troubled times? Another thing that's bugging me is the attitude of some so called Socreds. These people are ready to write the Party off. No way! Social Credit will rise again. Government will be ours in 1996! Hopefully you will be there to take part.

I joined Social Credit not quite one year ago. I've not lost faith. I admired the great Premier Vander Zalm and I believe he did nothing wrong. Scandals, so what! All I know is that since 1986 my business has been on a non-stop boom cycle. The reason? Sound, solid, sensible Social Credit economic policies. Now what? Already that red John Shields of the government employees union is calling for the rebuilding and restoration of the bureaucracy. All that cutting and chopping started by the great Premier Bill Bennett will now be reversed. Hard realities, but I know you will stand steadfast against the mega-buck handouts that are coming. Well, as you can tell I'm a big fan. Please send me an autographed photo of yourself. I want to honour you and demonstrate my loyalty to Social Credit. Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Stand up for Social Credit!  
Free enterprise forever!

Sincerely,

Vincent G. Krako



HARRY DE JONG, M.L.A.  
(CENTRAL FRASER VALLEY)  
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November 4, 1991

Vincent G. Krako  
PO Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC  
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako,

Thank you for your upbeat letter. I receive many similar types of comments from my constituents for which I am truly thankful. There is no doubt in my mind that we as the seven will have our job cut out for us, however, it will make it so much more rewarding with people like yourself behind us.

I trust that as I continue to do my job for the party, and for all British Columbians, that I may be able to offer constructive criticism based on honesty, integrity, high moral and ethical standards in support of private enterprise. This is what has built this country and this province and will continue to do so together with the people who know from experience that economic strength has its foundation in people who are prepared to take a chance.

In conclusion, thank you for writing. Should you have any suggestions for the rebuilding process, please contact me, I shall be glad to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Harry De Jong  
MLA Abbotsford

# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

29 October 1991

Lyall Hanson  
M.L.A. - Okanagan-Vernon  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC  
V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Hanson

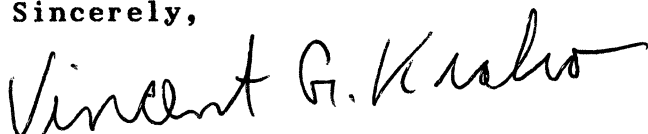
I am very happy that you were not drowned in the socialist tide. The voters of Vernon kept their wits about them and stood with Social Credit. Fantastic, as the great Premier Vander Zalm would have said. I know that you and the rest of the 'Group of Seven' have the best interests of all British Columbians at heart and that you will do your best to defend us from the NDP.

Mr. Hanson, you did a great job as a Minister of the Crown and you'll do an even better one in opposition. Keep an eye on those Liberals! In my mind they are just not cut out to be an effective official opposition. The election was a massacre alright, but enough of Social Credit has survived to stand firm on the issues that matter such as free enterprise, individual initiative, life, restraint, morality and decency. The special interest groups of radical feminists, homosexuals, eggheads, welfare cheats, teachers and trade union pork-choppers are already at Premier Harcourt's door with their billion dollar wish lists. Stand firm, don't let them bankrupt this province!

Beautiful British Columbia is still a free enterprise province as Mrs. McCarthy said recently. The popular vote was overwhelmingly against the NDP. The great Social Credit Party will rise again - you bet! Hang in there, work hard, tap into your support and move ahead to victory in 1996. You can count on my support 100%! Please send me your autographed picture. I want to let everybody know that I'm still proud to be a Social Crediter. Thank you for your service and for your consideration.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for Social Credit!  
Stand up for free enterprise!

Sincerely,





Province of  
British Columbia  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

LYALL HANSON, M.L.A. (Okanagan North)

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November 8, 1991

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P. O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, B. C.  
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you for your letter of October 29, 1991 expressing your support.

We will continue to work hard toward re-building the Social Credit Party over the next four years.

Please find enclosed the autographed picture you requested.

Sincerely,

Lyall F. Hanson, M.L.A.  
Okanagan Vernon

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**Province of British Columbia**

Nov - 1991.  
Best wishes  
Bill & Susan



# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

6 November 1991

Rita Johnston  
Leader  
Social Credit Party  
236-10711 Cambie Road  
Richmond, BC  
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Dear Mrs. Johnston,

You did your best and I am proud of you. I agreed with you completely on election night - the results stink. Now is the time for healing and rebuilding the mighty Social Credit Party. The 'Group of Seven' will provide the basis for revival - you bet!

Mrs. Johnston, I like the idea of a provincial tour by Party officials to shore up our support. We cannot let the Liberals make any more inroads. They have some good people for free enterprise but they also have a lot of inexperienced flakes as well. Will they be able to stand up to the socialists? Only time will tell. There will be high taxes for business and hefty handouts for bums. Even to this day Mr. Harcourt has not given us the numbers as you asked him during the leaders debate.

You were a great leader taking over a divided party in difficult circumstances. I think you were pretty hard on yourself at times. I for one never thought that you came across as a 'fishwife.' What are your plans? Personally, I think you should stay on as leader and wait for an opportune by-election. A year from now those damn NDPers will be rock bottom in the polls - just you wait and see! Although your reign was short you did achieve the historical milestone of becoming Canada's first woman Premier. And that has been an inspiration to thousands of young ladies all over beautiful British Columbia. Have you got any speaking engagements lined up? Let me know, I'd like to hear your reflections on the political tasks that await all Social Crediters. Thank you for your exemplary service to the province and for your consideration in reading my letter. You'll always have my support 100% - count on it!

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for Social Credit!  
Rita Johnston - what a great gal!

Sincerely,





6595-136 St  
Surrey BC  
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Dear Vince:

Thank you so much for your most welcome letter. Your support and comments are valued and very much appreciated.

I will be travelling the Province in December to meet with our members so we can start the rebuilding process and of course, will be speaking at our Convention in Vancouver in January.

We know there are a lot of people in this Province who depend on us so those of us leading this great party will not let them down. Your continued support in this endeavour is very important.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I look forward to having an opportunity to speak to you personally.

Yours truly  
Lita M Johnston

# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
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11 December 1991

Bill Vander Zalm  
3553 Arthur Drive  
Delta, BC  
V4K 3N2

Dear Bill,

How's it going? I just got back from Alberta. You know, that province could be the last stand for freedom in Canada. I like doing business there and will be returning soon.

I heard that you had another court appearance some time ago and that an additional breach of trust charge was laid. We're all in for five years of socialist persecution - count on it! I for one don't believe these charges against you. I'm sure you and your lawyers are working diligently to prepare for your January court date. Let me wish you the best of luck. The cards are stacked against you, Bill. You'll need all the breaks you can get to beat this rap.

That election was a real shame. The NDP will do great damage to the economy - high taxes for business and hefty handouts for lazy-bones. Harcourt and his cronies are hypocrites. All those years in opposition they attacked you on the patronage issue. Now in power and it's jobs a-plenty for NDP loyalists, labour hacks and friends. The special interest groups started running the province on November 5th. What it is that I'd like to see is you in the electoral arena again - at any level of government. Have you got any speaking engagement lined up and when is your book coming out? Remember, I support your political comeback 100% - you bet!


Let me now take this opportunity to wish you, Lillian and your entire family a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Stand up for free enterprise!  
Defeat socialism!  
Bill Vander Zalm is innocent!

Sincere Seasons Greetings,

Vincent





Dec 18, 1991

Dear Vince:

Thank you for the lovely letter. You are always an encouragement and inspiration. Thanks for being so fantastic!

The lawyers were very surprised that the judge allowed this vague, ridiculous charge to stand. As my lawyer said "anyone could be charged with that," I cannot understand all the happenings any more.

I expect to have some business involvement after the new year though I'm not my usual optimistic self about the economic future of our province and country.

Hillian and I have been kept very busy with the house, garden and many other activities. We're off to the Okanagan for a stay with the kids and grand kids (6).  
Have a Happy blessed Christmas.

Love  
Jill & Hillian  
Vancouver

*In this Holiday Season  
we give thanks for our many warm  
memories of family and friends.*

*New Year 1992 —  
may it be filled with good health  
and happiness — may you and  
yours have these and more  
in the year ahead.*

*Gene & Kay McCarthy  
& family*



# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, BC, Canada V5K 4W5

14 January 1992

Dave Mercier  
President  
Social Credit Party of B.C.  
236-10711 Cambie Road  
Richmond, BC  
V6X 3G5

Dear Mr. Mercier,

Congratulations on being elected President. I'm sorry I missed the convention. Since the socialist take-over I've been doing more business in Alberta. I like the freedom there, no taxes and a Premier that shoots straight from the hip. Harcourt is a mealy-mouthed, wishy-washy bureaucrat. He'll get the boot next election - you bet!

Mr. Mercier, attached are my comments based on the Party Member Survey that was sent out a few months ago. I hope this helps you in the re-building process. Despite what the NDP and the malicious media might say, Social Credit is here to stay and will rise again Phoenix-like out of the ashes of defeat - count on it! Social Credit is the party of the responsible, the sober, the moral and the individual with initiative. Hard work and business sense are nothing to be ashamed of.

You did a great job as an M.L.A. and as a Minister of the Crown. I hope this job as party president doesn't rule out a return to the electoral arena. You've got the smarts, the looks and the leadership skills to be Premier some day. How about sending me your autographed photo? Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and comments and for your exemplary service to the Party and the people.

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for free enterprise!  
Stand up for Social Credit!

Sincerely,



## **A SURVEY OF PARTY MEMBER'S OPINIONS**

### **ANSWERS BY VINCENT G. KRAKO**

#### **A.) THE RE-BUILDING PROCESS**

- 1.) We should stop apologizing for Mr. Vander Zalm. He was a great Premier and the courts will soon prove him completely innocent - you bet!
- 2.) The Constituency Associations should carry the flame of free enterprise directly to the community. By educating the electorate as to the dangers of socialism our party will rebuild itself.
- 3.) The Party Board should be ready to provide support and assistance to the Constituency Associations. The Board must tour the province frequently and meet often with rank and file members.
- 4.) The Group of Seven. These are the men who will lead us from the wilderness. Their role? To stand for freedom. To rally the party and all British Columbians together in the fight against the NDP. The Caucus is Social Credit's face to the province. By working hard and taking the opposition profile away from the Liberals these stalwart individuals will instil confidence and draw people naturally to Social Credit.

#### **B.) CENTRAL PARTY STRUCTURE**

- 1.) Yes. No changes are necessary, just get the right people for the jobs.

#### **C.) PARTY MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.) The best way to get people to join Social Credit is to stand up for free enterprise and for beautiful British Columbia. The main message or theme to attract voters should be freedom. The drive should be spearheaded by our new Party Leader.
- 2.) The resource material we need for this job are some snappy brochures, statistical breakdowns detailing all the ways the NDP is already wasting our money and coupons for local area businesses.

#### **D.) BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 1.) Male
- 2.) 1953
- 3.) 1991
- 4.) Lower Mainland

BRITISH COLUMBIA

# SOCIAL CREDIT

June 11, 1992

Mr. Vincent G. Krako  
P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
Vancouver, B.C.  
V5K 4W5

Dear Mr. Krako:

Please accept my sincerest apologies for the delay in responding to your letter and 'Survey of Party Member's Opinions'. I read your answers with great interest.

We have been extremely busy these past months - Party Board Meetings: February 8, 1992 in Richmond, March 7, 1992 in Richmond, and April 26, 1992 in the 100 Mile House area, and Interim Leader Jack Weisgerber and myself meeting all the Presidents on April 25, 1992 also in the 100 Mile House area.

Each President receives the Board Meeting Minutes through their Regional Directors, and are responsible for relaying the business to their Constituency Executive and Members. Based on the information contained in all the Board Minutes and the summary of the Presidents' Meeting from myself and an additional letter from the Interim Leader, Members are kept apprised of the progress being made and are also requested to consider specific matters brought forward at the Board Meetings.

It's my belief that the strength of the Social Credit Party is its Members. Even though during the past few years some of those selected to represent our Members have not met their expectations, the validity of the Party's original purpose remains.

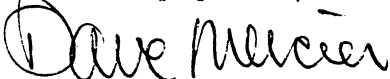
We must reform our Party and the political structure for the province to better manage its responsibilities.

The new Board is capable and very energetic. We are looking forward to the reconstruction of the Social Credit Party, based on fundamental beliefs, individual initiatives, opportunity for entrepreneurship and maintaining affordable social programs in our Province.

Enclosed herewith is an my autographed photo, as per your request.

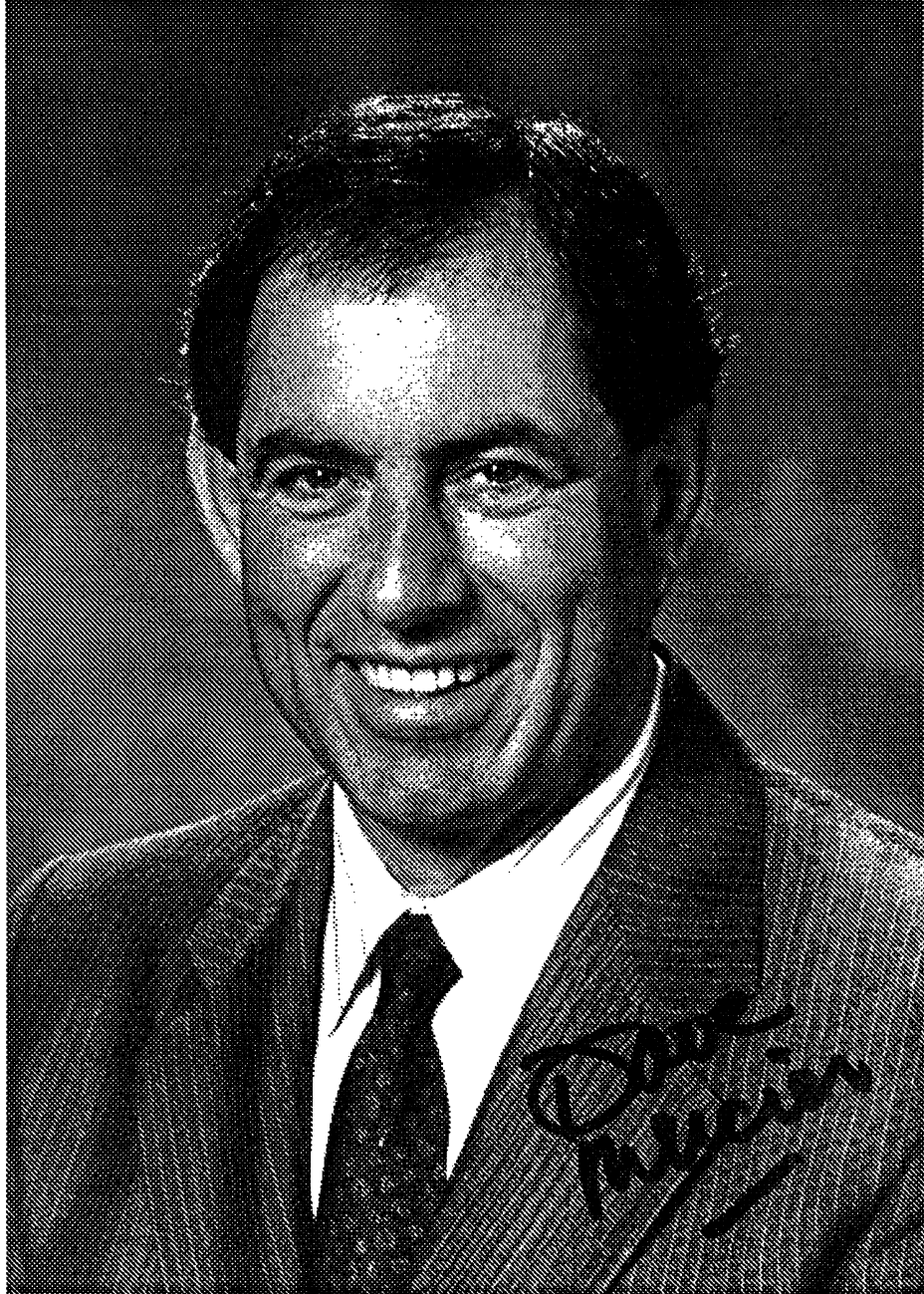
The Social Credit Party, with your help, can be the coalition party all citizens of this Province will look to in the near future to represent their interest.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Mercier

President  
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# VINCENT G. KRAKO

P.O. Box 69323, Station K  
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11 May 1992

Bill Vander Zalm  
3553 Arthur Drive  
Delta, BC  
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Dear Bill,

I just heard on the news that those media hounds are trying to get your upcoming trial televised. Thank the Lord you have a good lawyer who will hopefully put that attempt to rest. Television cameras in the court room make for a circus atmosphere. That's not what you need. BCTV, CBC and the rest say it is their right. What? The right to ridicule you. To take things you say out of context, to clip and edit as they do and make you look guilty. No way, I say! You deserve a fair trial, a proper trial, a traditional trial not a media free-for-all.

Bill, I just don't understand these charges you must face. I thought they would have been dropped by now. But to trial you must go and our thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time. I know you are innocent and, personally, I am confident that you will beat this rap - you bet! I wish you and your legal team the best of luck in preparing for and arguing your case. In my books you are still the greatest Premier beautiful British Columbia has ever had.

My business has been taking me to Alberta a lot recently, as I may have noted in a previous letter. They know the true attributes of freedom in that great province. Meanwhile, the NDP here jack up taxes, increase hand-outs to lazy-bones and appoint openly socialist friends and insiders to plum government jobs and contracts. What hypocrites! Mr. Weisgerber and his caucus are doing a fantastic job considering the circumstances. I think he stood by you right until the end, didn't he?. As far as Mr. Wilson and the Liberal opposition are concerned, in my opinion they have a long way to go before being effective. Well, that's it for now, as always you have my support 100% - count on it! Hold onto that optimism and shining smile of yours and everything come out okay. God bless!

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Stand up for free enterprise!  
Bill Vander Zalm is innocent!

Sincerely,





*William & Lillian Van der Zalm*

May 22, 1992

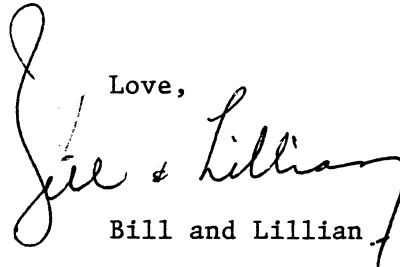
Vincent G. Krako,  
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Dear Vince,

I know that your letters are written with special inspiration. Not only do you have an exemplary understanding of all that has and is happening but you also understand what needs doing and how it needs to be done.

I look forward to the time, this summer, when we can sit down and talk about things in more detail.

God bless you,

Love,  
  
Bill and Lillian

# VINCENT G. KRAKO

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3 July 1993

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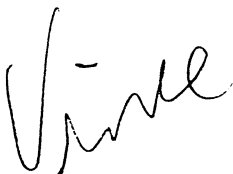
Dear Mr. Mercier,

How goes the fight for Social Credit? I'm ready, aye, ready to stand firm for the beliefs of our forefathers - you bet! I have a change of address for you (see letterhead). Please have one of your efficient, effective staff process the data update. I think I've missed a couple of issues of *The Party Link*.

Lots of political happenings in our province. The time for unity and cooperation is here. It's time for new political alliances among all of the existing parties. Social Credit will lead the way. Social Credit is the true party of unity, of alliances, of freedom. Stand firm. Please let me know if my membership needs renewing, my party number is 1: 1073548A. I'm there for you - shoulder to shoulder.

The performance of our men in the Legislature has been outstanding. The socialist dogs may trample our rights but the valiant six soldier on. Richard Neufeld is hot. No lack of leaders in our group - no sir! Hang in there, you're doing a good job, Dave. You've got my support 100% - count on it!

Stand up for British Columbia!  
Fight for Social Credit!



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Vince,

I am the current president of  
Vancouver Burrod Social Credit  
constituency. I received your letter  
yesterday from Dave Mercier.

There are some upcoming functions  
that I think would be of  
interest to you. Please contact  
me at the above number<sup>or</sup> at  
my home 684-4034.

  
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