

YOU'VE GOT MY SUPPORT 100% - YOU BET!

A SELECTION of correspondence between Vincent G. Krako, small businessman, and a variety of provincial, national and international political and corporate leaders.

by Vincent G. Krako

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21 August 1990

Bill Reid, M.L.A.
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Dear Mr. Reid,

I just got back from summer vacation and a buddy of mine tell me you are not going to run for the next election. "No way," I said. So I go check the old newspapers at the library and, I'm shocked, it's true. Well, I'm very sorry to know this, but I can understand you fully.

The pressure has been on you for years. Starting with that odometer thing that the socialistic press jumped on right up to this phoney-baloney lottery "scandal." Media lies and leftist propaganda! I don't care what anyone says, you are completely innocent and did one of the best jobs as an M.L.A. and a Minister of the Crown. And you were right there with our great Premier through thick and thin, even when other so called Social Credit supporters were ready to stab him in the back.

Mr. Reid, you will be missed. The people of this great province have lost a hard worker, an honest man and a real go-getter, get things done guy.

Bill, if I may, I would like to remember you with a picture. Could you send me an autographed one before you go. I like to collect such things from great leaders and public figures that I admire greatly. And you are one of THE greats!

Best wishes to you and your family. Good success in business. Keep working for free enterprise (I know you will). Give things some time and maybe we'll see you back in the government after awhile. I sure hope so.

Stand up for British Columbia!
Free enterprise forever!
Bill Reid - what a great guy!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako

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September 28, 1990

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Vincent:

I thank you for your very thoughtful letter and words of encouragement. As you indicated in your letter, this has been a very trying year for my family and friends.

I am taking some time to re-charge the batteries and will continue to stand up for British Columbians and support positive initiatives and people who need assistance dealing with government departments.

Thanks again for your support.

Best personal regards,

Bill Reid, M.L.A.
Surrey/White Rock

BR/pc

P.S. Picture enclosed

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1 September 1990

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister
The Prime Minister's Office
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Dear Prime Minister,

You are a great world leader. Great Britain and Canada are the closest of allies. The bonds between our two nations are strong, historical and royal. Our interests and yours and the world's are one in this Gulf Crisis. Stand firm! This is one Canadian who is behind you 100% - count on it!

Prime Minister, Iraq must be stopped. You, Mr. Mulroney, Mr. Bush, M. Mitterand and Mr. Gorbachev hold the key to this one. Will you be represented at the upcoming Bush-Gorbachev meeting? I hope so. Your input will be invaluable. May God bless you and guide you during these dangerous days. What words of advice do you have for an average citizen such as myself? These tense international situations are so complex and frightening.

Prime Minister, I admire your leadership greatly. Not only your international stance but also the booming economy you restored to your nation. Your economic policies have inspired our Canadian conservative leaders - and that's good. A photograph of yourself for my collection of significant world leader portraits would be sincerely appreciated. I know you are extremely busy. Perhaps one of your staff could arrange it.

I thank you for your time and consideration and your exemplary public service to the world.

God save the Queen!
Canada - we stand on guard for thee!
Rule Britannia!

Respectfully,



Vincent G. Krako



10 DOWNING STREET
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11 September 1990

From the Correspondence Secretary

Dear Mr Krako,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your recent letter and to send you, with her best wishes, the enclosed photograph.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Correspondence Secretary.

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Margaret Thatcher

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1 October 1990

Premier Bill Vander Zalm
The Premier's Office
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Dear Mr. Premier,

I saw you on the news today opening the Kelowna Connector - fantastic! I'll be heading up that way soon to check out the workmanship. Ahead of time and on budget - that's Vander Zalm government all the way. As far as meeting that Cicciolina goes, I agree, it could be pretty "dicey" as you said to the CBC. Although, on second thought, there may be some good business opportunities there, one never knows. I don't think she's a socialist, is she?

Regarding this recent controversy over Fantasy Gardens, it just goes to show that your critics are the ones who are stupid, not you. You're a very busy man. Details like who the minority/majority owners are cannot be accounted for by you. Besides, it's not like you were involved in the day to day operation of the Gardens. All I know is that you are a businessman, like myself, who has taken time out to serve the people, all the people. That don't mean you have to let a good deal slide away on you. No matter what anyone says, you are still numero uno in my books - you bet!

Mr. Premier, it would be great if you called an election right now. I'm ready to vote for Social Credit here in Vancouver-Hastings. That Red Bob Williams has got to go! I remember the things he did and said back in '72. A dangerous man. Who has got the nod for Social Credit here? Has there been a nomination meeting yet? Will you be making any personal appearance in my neighbourhood? I hope so. There's nothing like Vander Zalm live! Keep up the excellent work.

Stand up for British Columbia!
Fight! Fight! Fight!
On your mark, get set, GO!!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



Province of British Columbia
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

November 21, 1990

Mr. Vincent Krako
P. O. Box 69323
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Dear Mr. Krako:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and for your warm words of encouragement.

In my Office as Premier, each day presents many challenges but to receive a letter, such as yours, makes it all worthwhile. Needless to say, your kind words and warm expression of support for my leadership has given me much strength and encouragement, and I can assure you that I shall continue to work to the utmost of my ability to maintain your confidence in me.

May I take this opportunity to extend to you my very best wishes for the Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William N. Vander Zalm".

William N. Vander Zalm
PREMIER



VINCENT G. KRAKO

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18 October 1990

The President
Fletcher Challenge Canada Ltd.
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Dear Sir,

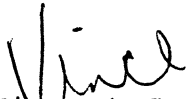
I saw on the television news last night that some Indian band has put a toll booth up on one of your logging roads running through their reserve. This road block thing is really catching on. What these people don't realize is that you got job to do. Why don't these Indians just get work with your company, you'd hire them wouldn't you? Well I hope you can work things out with them so that everyone come out happy.

You know, you really are doing a good job here in B.C. I sure hope this recession doesn't scare you off. I wonder about this recession, though. The media it seems just spends its time waiting for the first little downturn in some sector and before you know it we've got all sorts of special news reports about the deadly recession. I think the severity of these things is sometimes over-emphasized. How is Fletcher Challenge doing here? Making lots of money? I hope so. Our free society depends on healthy profit margins for big business like yours. Your entire industry is under a lot of attacks these days from environmentalists, Indians, N.D.P.ers and various other malcontents. Well, I'm here to say you've got my support 100% - count on it!

Do you think I could get some information about your company and its activities here in B.C.? I'm especially interested in how you answer the eco-types complaints over clear-cut logging. Hey, I like the forest as much as anybody, but sometime trees got to come down - that's progress and economic growth. You're okay by me. Thanks for reading my letter.

Forests forever!
Stand up for British Columbia!
Profit or perish!

Sincerely,


Vincent G. Krako



Ian Donald
President and
Chief Executive Officer

October 31, 1990

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

Thank you for your October 18 letter. We sincerely appreciate your taking the time to write to us of your support.

Unfortunately for our industry, the severity of the recession has not been "overemphasized". We are currently facing tough times. High interest rates and the relative strength of the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar place our exports at a competitive disadvantage in world markets. These markets have also weakened, as economic slowdowns are occurring in many of the countries with which we do business. Our company is optimistic, however, for the long term. We are investing considerably in capital and environmental improvements at our pulp and paper, and wood products operations in anticipation of improved market conditions.

I have enclosed our latest quarterly and annual reports to provide you with specific financial information. To give you a good overview of our company — its philosophy and direction — I have also included the 1989 Annual Review and May 1990 Report to Employees.

You specifically ask about clearcut logging and how we respond to complaints (pamphlet on clearcutting enclosed). We are sensitive to public concern over the appearance and effects of clearcutting and are adapting our methods in response. Our clearcuts are now smaller, fashioned to fit the terrain and specific site locations, as well as adapted to the aesthetics of an area.

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On visually sensitive sites, we now practise landscape management techniques and with the help of computer models, we can actually see what an area will look like after logging and make suitable modifications.

We like to emphasize, though, that clearcut logging is a sound silvicultural method. Practices within most European countries are testaments to this. The vast majority of new stands are healthy and vigorous, and there is no evidence that ecosystems have been negatively affected by the removal of several rotations by clearcutting.

Well planned clearcutting has been proven to be very successful in regenerating the forest. Further, it does mimick nature. We do not deny that mistakes may have been made in the past in clearcutting methods, nor that there may not be opportunities for improvement — and we are investigating these. However, clearcutting is a sound forest management practice and the best and safest method of logging old growth forests on the coast. For it is the forest itself which dictates the system of harvest. In many areas, more than 15 per cent of our harvest is selectively logged (as in our Interior operations) because this is the most appropriate forest management practice for the site.

There are other reasons why clearcutting is a necessary harvesting method in certain areas. We try to explain these as fully and clearly as possible. At the same time, however, we do not make the claim to have the definitive understanding of forest ecology. Like engineering and medicine, forestry is an evolving science. As the industry matures, new approaches and technology are discovered which help us to better manage the forest resource and as a result, our logging and reforestation practices are continually evolving and improving. I can sincerely state that Fletcher Challenge Canada is interested in seeking



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new methodologies for conducting our business so we may minimize our impact on the environment. For many of the public's concerns are our concerns as well.

Mr. Krako, thank you very much again for your letter. Our company is working very hard to do a good job, and is always striving to find ways to do better. We believe we can have in British Columbia both the positive economic returns of the forest industry, a healthy environment, and a quality of life the envy of people around the world. We are attempting to work with all interested parties to achieve this necessary balance.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Donald
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Enclosures

Clearcut logging is not a pretty sight

but the effects are temporary...



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22 October 1990

The President
Virgin Records Canada Inc.
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Dear President,

I have a daughter, a young teenager she is. The music today it is everywhere and loudly played. Sometimes I don't understand. There has been much in the media about records playing backwards, secret messages and the Devil. Generally, I don't trust the media. They're just trying to sell papers and air time like you're trying to sell musical products. But please tell me, as a concerned consumer and parent, does this modern music threaten our young? And can a CD be played backwards and if not, then what the big fuss?

Censorship is evil. With the Wall down, we all can see. I don't consider package warnings censorship. A ratings advisory like the movies, is that the answer? This new NC-17 is good. As a parent I need some guidance. Recently we had to take one item back to the store, at my daughter's insistence - it was just too heavy. I cannot recall the group or label. What is the policy of your company regarding releases that may be too extreme for some peoples' sensitivities? Any information you could send would be very helpful. I'd like to continue buying your releases.

I like music, and Virgin has some wonderful performers. I like the old tunes but that Mary Margaret O'Hara of yours is enjoyable. Is she popular in Poland? Overall the people profit, as you do, from the pleasure you provide in our free society. Let us not sully such freedoms. There are those who say that you are in a shady business. But I feel that you are doing a good job for the most part. Events like Live Aid are proof of that as far as I concerned - you bet! I don't like to see free enterprise activities such as yours attacked. I'm a small businessman and I like making money too!

Freedom with honour!
Music - the international language!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



R E C O R D S
C A N A D A I N C .

November 16, 1990

Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Mr. Krako

Thank you for your letter of October 22. We, like yourself, do not accept censorship. And, while there may be books, movies and albums that are not to our personal taste, who is to decide what people may choose to view or listen to. We believe that the major question is not what is right or wrong but, is anyone qualified to judge for everyone?

We at Virgin endeavour to use our best judgement, and we sticker any product that we feel may offend some consumers' sensibilities. It is evident that extremism on either side of the issue is not the answer and we try to ensure that the purchaser of our product is as well informed as we can make possible.

Regarding compact disc players, no they will not play backwards. You also enquired about Mary Margaret O'Hara and her success in Poland. We honestly do not know as she is signed directly to our British parent company.

Once again, thanks for your letter and your concerns. We agree that our freedoms must continually be defended but there is also a degree of responsibility that corporations and individuals must bear for their actions. The ultimate form of censorship is one that comes from the moral values passed from parent to child and not from self appointed overseers.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Chappell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "D" at the beginning.

Doug Chappell
President
Virgin Records Canada Inc.

DC/cp

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21 November 1990

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister
The Prime Minister's Office
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Dear Prime Minister,

You are into one of those tough political fights that all great leaders must face. I know you will face it with the iron will that has led you to victory after victory. As you said, "The last eleven years haven't been so bad." Not bad?!? Those have been the best years Britain has ever had. How can people have such short memories? Your economic miracle has influenced whole Western World. Get the big government off the back of people and business and lets get productive and compete. That's the Thatcher way - you bet!

Prime Minister, don't let this Heseltine hassle harass you. I know you gots what it take to beat this challenge. What ever happens, you've got my support 100%. I know my relatives in Bristol are pulling for you too - count on it! They have voted Conservative every time.

I thought you did a terrific job at the big Summit meeting in Paris recently. The world is changing and with the Berlin Wall down we are now all free. In the East, free to think and read what you want. In the West, free from the burden of maintaining a strategic edge to counter-balance the Soviets. I hope to see you at such international gatherings for a long time to come. Prime Minister Mulroney, while acknowledging some differences of opinion, certainly made some kind statements in Paris about the friendship you two share.

Prime Minister, I received the photograph that your Correspondence Secretary sent me. Very impressive, and I thank-you and your staff for your kind attention to my request. Hang in there - you'll win!

Rule Britannia!
Thatcherism forever!
Margaret Thatcher - What a great lady!

Sincerely,



Vincent G. Krako



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27 November 1990

Dear Mr Krako,

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your recent letter.

Mrs Thatcher was very grateful indeed for the time and trouble you took to write in with your message of support. It was a most thoughtful gesture at an extremely difficult time both for the Party as a whole and for her personally.

However, after consulting widely with her political colleagues and friends, the Prime Minister has now decided not to fight for the Party leadership on the second ballot, and she will resign as Prime Minister once the new Party Leader is elected. Mrs Thatcher firmly believes that the unity of the Conservative Party and the prospects of victory at the next General Election are best served by this decision.

The Prime Minister has been greatly heartened by all those who have offered her such strong support, and she sends her deepest thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Ted Garton

Political Office

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10 December 1990

Ray Smith
President
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Dear Mr. Smith,

I recently read the speech you delivered to the Rotary Club in the 30 November Vancouver Sun. I especially like your call for the media to 'stop pandering to the easy emotions.' I sometimes wonder if the media types remember that they are in business too and must, like Mac-Blo, make a decent profit to survive.

Yes, cutting trees is a messy business, but to do business you've got to chop and drop trees by the clearcut method sometimes. That's progress. Clearcuts do trigger strong emotions but the sort of emotions that would be triggered by the massive layoffs and economic depression that would result if we stopped clearcutting and switched to massive preservation would send this great nation and province down the drain - you bet! These eco-nuts are definitely not in the mainstream. I swear they'd have us living in caves and writing on stone tablets. Ill considered change is absolute folly.

Mr. Smith, you and your company are doing one of the best jobs in this province. You've got my support 100% - count on it! And I was very happy to see your favourable words for B.C.'s fine forest Minister, Claude Richmond. It is to responsible corporate and government leaders like you and Mr. Richmond that we citizens look to for the tough decisions. Left-wingers and radical preservationists may see something wrong with such corporate-government partnership, but I sure do not.

This speech of yours in the paper was only an excerpt I believe. Could you send me a copy of the full, unedited text? And now I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Forests forever!
Mac-Blo - a great corporate citizen!

Sincere Seasons Greetings,



Vincent G. Krako



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December 19, 1990

Mr. Vincent G. Krako
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Dear Mr. Krako:


I do appreciate your supportive letter of December 10th.

What we would all like to see, of course, is a win-win situation, and I still hope this will be achieved. It is never easy when emotions run so high, but we won't give up trying.

Thank you again. Your letter made my day.

I am enclosing, as you requested, a copy of my "Unintended Consequences" speech to the Rotary Club of Vancouver.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.V. Smith", written over a circular stamp or seal.

R.V. Smith
Chairman of the Board

Unintended Consequences

by

Raymond V. Smith
President & CEO
MacMillan Bloedel Limited

to

The Rotary Club of Vancouver

November 27, 1990



MacMillan Bloedel Limited