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June 1, 1995

Mr. Dmitry Borisovich Ryurikov Presidential Advisor on Foreign Affairs The Kremlin Moscow

Dear Mr. Ryurikov:

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Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency The Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc,
Governor General of Canada to
His Excellency President Boris Yeltsin

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May 30, 1995

Dear Mr. President:

My wife and I were greatly saddened to learn of the terrible disaster caused by the earthquake in Neftagorsk. The untimely death of so many people, is, indeed, a tragedy.

I would like to assure you that the people of Canada share your country's deep sorrow. Please extend our most sincere sympathy to those who have suffered the loss or injury of beloved family members and friends.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed)

Roméo LeBlanc

His Excellency Boris Yeltsin

President of the Russian Federation



PRIME MINISTER . PREMIER MINISTRE

OTTAWA, KIA 0A2

May 29, 1995

Dear Mr. President:

All Canadians were shocked by the devastating earthquake that struck Sakhalin Island on May 28.

I was particularly saddened to learn that casualties in the town of Neftegorsk, which was hardest hit, have been estimated at up to 2,000 persons, and that the final figure will not be known until the conclusion of rescue operations now under way. I have asked Canada's Embassy in Moscow to discuss the possibility of assistance in these operations with your government.

Please convey our deepest sympathies to the families of those whose loved ones have been lost or suffered injury as a result of this tragedy.

I am confident that the strength, energy and spirit of the Russian people will bring you through this adversity. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

His Excellency Boris Yeltsin
President of the Russian Federation
Moscow, Russia