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Dear Nora Bernard

It was a nice surprise to see you in Vancouver B.C. Even though I didn't recognize you to well at first, you looked so different, so nice looking. What's that old saying flattery will get you know where, It was still nice to see you.

After leaving Vancouver I stopped in Chehalis WA., south of Seattle. To play golf in an Indian golfing Tournament. That's where I was headed, till I found out about the healing conference in Vancouver B.C. I change my plans a little to make that conference

I stayed with some people right on the Sqaumish reserve. People I had met down here at our So.Calif.golfing tournament in Feb. 1998.

After the tournament I left for home, we were gone seven weeks. Elaine was glad to get home. When I go some where I just want to keep 'going', I never get enough of "going". My "Shingwauk Dreams"

I am glad I had the opportunity to attend that meeting, it was a very powerful and emotional meeting for me. What really got me was, on the second day after lunch, when we broke into the healing work shop groups.

Our group was chaired by Harold Tarbell, it was being taped and recorded. I got so emotional Harold called one of the councilors over, to talk to me and calm me down.

When I talk about the church's I just go "Banana's"

I finally received Isabelle Knockwood's book and have read it, The book is what I expected it would be, it made me angry about what those church people did, then deny it like they didn't do anything wrong.

This is what I said in Vancouver, I will never forgive those damn Church's or the bad Missionaires as [Bernice Logan] call's them. They don't deserve to be for-given as far as I'm concerned.

Four weeks after I got home I went to a meeting in Sault Ste. Marie Ont.about our school. When the white people took over the building to use as a college, they renamed it to Algoma university college, we want it renamed back to Shingwauk college

That isn't bad enough that were fighting the school people. One of the two First Nations involved is also fighting us

I will send what I have written on those two individuals Ms.Carol Nadjiwon, Darrell Boissoneau. I will also include What I have written on the Walpole Island Ont. project where I'm from, called "In care of Strangers", I honestly believe there project is very weak. One of the two people involved is a Rev. Jim Miller. I also write about Bishop Peers, head Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada.

I found out about these two people on my way to Vancouver, that night at the motel I wrote my views and feelings down before I forgot my thoughts.

The two video's are of our 1991 Shingwauk Reunion. Bernice Logan is on the end of the first video, and the beginning of the second video. If you listen closely on the second

video, you will hear me yelling at her, As she goes out of sight you can hear her saying "You down there" I will take you on or anyone else on in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, she was saying this to me. Then you hear me yelling, this is not a debate this is a reunion.

Professor J.R. Miller, Author of "Shingwauk Visions" writes her words in his book. She writes to him, She writes to me, She also writes to the Catholic news letter, saying she didn't say those words, what she said was. "Anyone who has accepted Jesus Christ has done it freely".

Professor J.R. Miller was also at our Shingwauk 1991 reunion. He did not have the video's, I sent him copies, he thank me for them, which you can read about in one of his letters to me.

On my way to Vancouver I stopped in Portage La Prarie Man., to visit a Gladys Cook whom I met at a 1993 healing work shop at Soo. Ont. She showed us a video on her self, called "Search For Healing". After watching Bishop Peers in the video he didn't impress with his answers, especially the first time he spoke, that's why I had to write about him.

At one time I couldn't talk in front of people, now I can. Also I was never much of a letter writer, just the thought of writing a report scared me, I couldn't think or write anymore. Since I wrote my letter to Bernice Logan, it has opened up a new freedom for me, I enjoy writing now,!

I quess it was there all the time except it was buried under "Shingwauk" and Bernice Logan's misfit Missionaires, That's the sad part of the "Indian School" Legacy, some have suffered longer than others. It took me 52, years to find out I had all this writing in me. "How very sad on my part" "Damn" the Indian schools of Canada.

I included Gladys Cook's video "Search for Healing" at the end of my 1991 Shingwauk reunion tape. Gladys Cook was raped while she was in school, in her healing process she has forgiven the person who did this terrible act to her. I told her she was lot stronger person than I was, those people don't deserve to be forgiven. Those people would rot in "hell" before I'd forgive them. I also told her everyone doesn't think like I do.

The video's are yours to keep, I hope you will appreciate them and get some satisfaction out of watching them.

I just got a post card from Isabelle Knockwood telling me she moved to Toronto. I called her, she's in Nova Scotia at this time. What happened to her did those wild Indians in Nova Scotia. Scare her, [just kidding]

How's your law suit going, good I hope. I don't know how our law suit is going, no news on it lately.

Let me know if you get my letter and tapes OK. You can write or let me know by E-mail, my E-mail is <u>Dsands@pacbell.net</u>, nothing fancy.

Till I hear from you take care be Happy
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