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OTTAWA, March 14, 1977.

Ms. Jane Petch,
5035 Agar Avenue,
TERRACE, B.C.

Dear Ms. Petch:

Thank you very much for your recent letter letting me know that you were pleased to receive the material I sent on the Kitimat pipeline.

With regard to your inquiry for the addresses of Ralph Wills and John Millen, they are as follows:

John Millen,
Environmental Protection Services,
100 Kapalino Street,
Park Royal,
West Vancouver.

Mr. Ralph Wills,
Ocean and Aquatic Services,
1230 Government Street,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Concerning your request for recommendations to campaign against the construction of the pipeline I suggest that you organize public meetings, send letters and petitions to the government with substantiated documentation, send letters and articles to the press as well as having people write to their Members of Parliament.

Wishing you every success in this worthwhile endeavour, and with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "T. C. Douglas".

T. C. Douglas

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T. C. Douglas, M.P.

Ottawa, February 8, 1977.

HERE COME THE SUPERTANKERS!

In recent months we have heard with dismay of tankers of Panamanian and Liberian registry foundering on the east coast of the United States and causing enormous oil spills. In British Columbia people have said to themselves "Thank Heaven it's not happening here". Not so! Unless something is done to stop it, the supertankers are going to invade our coastal waters.

THE KITIMAT PIPELINE APPLICATION

The Kitimat Pipeline Company is a consortium of U.S. owned or controlled oil companies which has applied for a permit to build a pipeline from Kitimat to Edmonton designed to transport oil to refineries in the United States. The pipeline will be 750 miles long and will carry 300,000 barrels per day initially. Later, this will be stepped up to half a million barrels per day.

This company intends to build a marine terminal and a \$40 million storage facility. It also plans to construct two floating docks capable of handling tankers up to 350,000 tons deadweight. They are pressing for a decision from the Canadian government by July 1st of this year with a view to completing the project by April 1979.

our present supplies run out. The fact is that for the first ten years of the pipeline's life all oil has been committed to U.S. refineries and after that there is no guarantee whatsoever that Canadians will get one barrel of oil from the pipeline except in the form of oil spills and leakages.

The second argument is that we shall get between two and three thousand jobs during the construction period. But from past experience we know that much of this work will be done by importing specially skilled workers from the U.S. Kenneth Hall of Trans-Mountain Pipeline says that the permanent jobs will be 120 and the most optimistic figure from the consultants is 200 jobs. Surely that's a poor exchange for wrecking the fishing industry around the Queen Charlotte Islands.

The third enticement we are offered is that the consortium will be paying taxes on their installations and pipeline amounting to some \$25 million a year. Does anyone think this sum of money will compensate us for endangering the livelihood of 2,000 fishermen in the area and for the tremendous cost of cleaning up our shoreline from oil spills.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Faced with the potential dangers of the Kitimat project, the average citizen may be asking "what can I do to stop it?" Opposition M.P.s have been questioning the responsible Cabinet Ministers. Environment Minister Romeo LeBlanc says he "hopes" that public hearings can be held - but when? If you are concerned I urge you to join with your

with your fellow citizens in making two demands:

1. Petition the Federal Government to delay any decision on the Kitimat project until an environmental impact study has been completed and made public.
2. Petition the government to hold public hearings in the areas affected before allowing the National Energy Board or the Department of Transport to make a final decision on the matter.

Remember that in a democracy, governments are your servants and not your masters. It is your land, your environment and your future which are at stake. Now is the time to speak out in clear and unmistakable terms and say, "Keep the Tankers Out Of Kitimat!"

