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Dear Margaret,

I look forward with great pleasure to welcoming you in Ottawa following the Summit. In anticipation of your visit, I am raising again your Government's proposed Fur Labelling Regulation. Concern over its impact on Canada's native communities and our fur industry is growing and spreading.

An extraordinary Emergency Debate on this subject was held in the Canadian Parliament on June 2; over 40 MPs from all parties voiced their opposition to the proposed British regulation and the Government was asked to convey to the British Government the unanimous views of the House of Commons. I have also received a resolution from the Ministers of Natural Resources of all 10 provinces conveying their negative reactions. Indigenous Survival International, a body which represents native people from Canada, the United States, Greenland and the Nordic countries, will shortly be holding a conference on this issue. It is a subject which has attracted considerable media attention and public debate and poses a real political challenge for both our Governments.

I appreciated your openness towards this matter when we met, May 23, and I was pleased to learn that it will be considered by your Cabinet shortly. Given the profile which it has assumed in Canada, you will appreciate that a decision to proceed with our

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alternate proposal (i.e. for a cooperative effort to establish international humane trapping standards), announced during your visit, would be enormously well received by the Government and people of Canada. I very much hope this will prove possible.

With best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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