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Dear President Sheppard:

**Agreement Recognizing the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation - Exclusion of Sop's Arm from Annex B**

This is in response to your letter dated September 19, 2008.

I agree that it would appear that Sop's Arm was deleted from Annex A to the Agreement due to a clerical omission. This being the case, the Agreement may be considered to be amended pursuant to Article 2.15(b) so as to correct this omission.

I trust that this is satisfactory. If you have any questions, please contact me at 819-953-5678.

Yours truly,

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Mr. Roy Gray  
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Dear Mr. Gray:

**Re: Agreement Recognizing the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band – Exclusion of Sop's Arm from Annex 'B'**

I write further to our discussions regarding the exclusion of Sop's Arm from Annex 'B' of the 23 June 2008 Agreement which addresses the formation of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band.

I note that Sop's Arm is listed in Article 1.16 as a Pre-Confederation Mi'kmaq community. It also exists as a current Mi'kmaq community based on the number of people living there who are members of the Federation of Newfoundland Indians. I recall that this was raised during negotiations to support the community's inclusion on Annex 'B' of the Agreement. Early versions of Annex 'B' listed the community on this basis.

Annex 'B' to the 23 June Agreement fails to list Sop's Arm. Since I cannot recall any discussions that would explain its absence, I assume that Sop's Arm must have been deleted due to a clerical omission in preparing drafts leading to the final Agreement. I ask that you confirm my assumption so that the Agreement may be amended pursuant to Article 2.15(b) to correct this omission.

Yours truly,

  
Brendan Sheppard  
President, FNI