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the "strategic plan" to address the oil and gas industry in British Columbia

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Mr. Brest & Mr. McMillan,

As you are aware, for several years now I have been trying to raise questions about foreign funding behind environmental campaigns in my country. Several of my questions are about funding from the Hewlett foundation to Tides Canada.

On Monday, Sept. 12, I will be giving a talk in Calgary in which I will be presenting some of the information that I have found in U.S. tax returns, and some of my analysis and questions. As I finalize my talk, there are several questions that I have raised in the past, that I would like to try re-iterate. I would really appreciate your response.

As shown in the excerpt below from the U.S. tax returns for the Hewlett Foundation, back in 2004, the Hewlett Foundation paid Tides Canada \$70,000 "for the development of a strategic plan to address the oil and gas industry in British Columbia."

My question is, what was that plan? In particular:

- Did the "strategic plan" involve funding the creation of the Great Bear Rainforest - which is now used as a pretext for blocking oil tanker traffic, hence, exports of Canadian oil to China and other countries? In notice that at the same time that the Hewlett foundation granted \$70,000 for the development of the "strategic plan," Hewlett also granted \$615,000 for Rainforest Solutions project which, if I'm not mistaken, was to create the Great Bear Rainforest.
- Did the "strategic plan" involve creating the Coast Conservation Endowment Fund Foundation which now channels millions of American dollars directly to First Nations on the B.C. coast?
- Did the "strategic plan" involve supporting particular types of scientific research, and their publicity, such as the Tides-funded research by Dr. David Schindler, on the alleged contamination of water by the Alberta oil sands?
- Did the "strategic plan" involve channeling money from the Hewlett Foundation to Ducks Unlimited Canada, through the Pew Charitable Trusts? Who were the ultimate recipients of the millions that Hewlett granted to Ducks Unlimited through Pew?
- Did the "strategic plan" involve supporting a particular political party, or a particular politician, such as Vision Vancouver and Gregor Robertson?

And if the "strategic plan" to address the oil and gas industry in B.C. didn't involve the above, what did it involve?

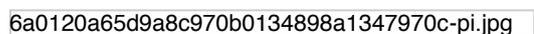
As before, I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about this and other questions that I have been trying to raise.

I would be delighted to have the opportunity to speak with you or your staff.

In Vancouver, I can be reached at 604.618.8110.

Sincerely,
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