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The CHAIRMAN: We have here today Mr. Bell who has an agenda prepared for the proposed short visit to some Indian reservations. I would ask Mr. Bell to make a distribution of the proposed script.

Perhaps Mr. Bell might give us a short résumé of what this trip entails.

Mr. G. BELL: (*Federal-Provincial Relations, Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development*): Mr. Chairman, firstly and very briefly, a trip to the Caughnawaga in Montreal, going down on the early morning train and spending most of the day there, leaving by train that night. We have laid this on for Friday, going down to London and arriving in London at 11.00, and visiting Caradoc and seeing three councils and three reserves: going down to Sarnia that evening. The next morning, on the Sunday morning, visiting the Sarnia reserves and seeing the councils; going down to Walpole Island and visiting them, then going up to Kettle Point and coming back to Toronto that night. On the Monday we will be doing a trip to Christian Island and visiting the council and seeing the reserve. After a brief visit, going back to Toronto that night and then back to Ottawa.

Mr. CROSSMAN: Mr. Chairman, may I point out a way of saving the committee about three quarters of an hour's time in the morning. You would have us coming in here from Montreal at 9 minutes to five a.m. I would suggest that the committee leave the train at Dorval, which is much closer to Caughnawaga, which should make it at about 9.30 or 9.40 and we could be at Caughnawaga by 10.00 o'clock. What do you think? You would have an hour right there. There is no point in going into Montreal and driving all the way back out, when you can get off the train—the train does stop at Dorval.

Mr. BELL: That is all right.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Howard.

Mr. HOWARD: I do not know if you are going to deal—

Mr. ROXBURGH: Is there anything wrong with the suggestion? I think it is very good, do you not?

Mr. HOWARD: O.K. I just wanted it cleared the way. Mr. Chairman I am not too happy about the whole schedule as laid out here, for a variety of reasons. The first part and I think there is some reason to it, gives us approximately 8 to a very maximum of 10 hours say at Caughnawaga, to meet with and see what and talk with whomever we desire. But from then on I think we are cutting things far too fine. Let us just take a quick look at what we are doing on Saturday, or what it is proposed we do in the Caradoc agency. We meet with the Oneida council—just the council only—