

(unintelligible conversation heard intermittently in background throughout interception)

Shawn Brant: Good morning

Chris Deschamps: Good morning Shawn how are ya

Shawn Brant: I'm good thanks

Chris Deschamps: Good uh the Commissioner wants to talk to ya

Julian Fantino: Morning Shawn

Shawn Brant: Good morning Mister Fantino

Julian Fantino: How ya doin

Shawn Brant: Not bad thanks

Julian Fantino: Are we makin any progress

Shawn Brant: Well we're sitting here uh speaking uh shortly we're just uh burning some tobacco and we'll be speaking uh again with uh Constables Ron and uh Ron Maracle and uh Jason Brant so yeah I think we're makin some progress

Julian Fantino: Oh I got some noise here Shawn uh there's a a thing that I wanted to bring your attention that you need to know about

19 Shawn Brant: Yeah

20 Julian Fantino: That there's um a Mohawk Council of Akwesasne uh
21 office of the Grand Chief be aware of uh some major
22 events that they're having there today including the uh
23 the appearance of uh former Prime Minister uh Martin
24 and and there's other dignitaries coming there uh

25 Shawn Brant: Yeah I I am aware of that

26 Julian Fantino: Louise McDonald Clan Mother's gonna be speaking
27 there and all a that M P P's and so forth

28 Shawn Brant: Yes sir

29 Julian Fantino: Uh in any event uh you're running a risk of of
30 screwing that up for them you know that eh

31 Shawn Brant: Well I don't think uh there should be a risk to uh
32 Mister Martin because of what's going on up here but
33 uh

34 Julian Fantino: Well well we've heard we heard there is and that's
35 why I'm tryin to get to you to let you know about this
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37 Shawn Brant: Hm

38 Julian Fantino: Uh we heard that uh the thing may go up in smoke um
39 because of uh all that's happening here uh and and
40 you have people in the in the uh Akwesasne
41 Community are are quite upset that that the word
42 we're getting they're quite uh offended by uh the
43 traditional people feel quite offended by what's goin
44 on and this is a a word we got from a number of
45 people so I don't know if you wanna push your luck a
46 little bit too much here because you're gonna get a
47 whole lot of people gonna (inaudible) (unintelligible)

48 Shawn Brant: We certainly don't want to uh upset the uh apple cart
49 in Akwesasne but uh ya know I I know that that's a
50 strong community that's uh takin some harsh stands in
51 the past and (inaudible) and there's the uh have uh
52 shot their own people as a matter of fact and and uh
53 I'm I'm not sure if uh they would see uh uh uh
54 participation in the Day of Action as being uh
55 detrimental to whether or not they have a uh an
56 (unintelligible) at the bottom of the bridge but uh ya

57 know I I'll certainly uh take it into consideration
58 Julian Fantino: Well wuh we this is the word that we got and uh I
59 thought you should take that into account because uh
60 it looks like they're quite upset they're annoyed with
61 what's goin on and um they feel that this is
62 jeopardizing their uh their efforts here it took them an
63 awful lot of work to get Mister Martin and some of
64 the other dignitaries that to come to this uh event and
65 Louise McDonald the Clan Mother is speaking there
66 so the uh they're they're very concerned about what's
67 goin on then they've let us know this uh through our
68 own contacts so uh I I think that you're running an
69 awful risk now of this thing goin south on you
70 Shawn Brant: Yeah well I I certainly appreciate that I I know Louise
71 McDonald and and um ya know I I may not subscribe
72 to the same philosophies to the Long House that she
73 attends I I
74 Julian Fantino: Yeah
75 Shawn Brant: More uh subscribe to the Hogansburg House but uh I I
76 do know her and I have respect for her and and
77 certainly Mister Martin uh uh has made some uh good
78 commitments with respect to uh his future and his
79 relationship with First Nations people and uh I can
80 promise you that uh I I'll certainly um uh bring that
81 up when uh when we're having discussions which
82 we're about to do uh shortly and and I know uh
83 Constable uh Ron Maracle and Jay Brant are patiently
84 waiting for me to uh uh to get to those discussions and
85 and um and I'm uh anxious as well to uh to engage in
86 those talks so if um if we could then then I uh I I'd
87 certainly like to do that and uh maybe then I'll be able
88 to provide you with some uh answer that uh you might
89 find satisfactory
90 Julian Fantino: I think we're running out of time Shawn uh ya know
91 we've been back and forth all night on this and uh
92 we've got an awful lot of very very angry people uh
93 who are absolutely uh beyond themselves with what's
94 goin on and uh ya know we we we just have to close

95 shop here we just can't go on any longer to be honest
96 with you
97 Shawn Brant: Yeah well ya know I I certainly appreciate that and
98 and I know that uh sometimes the uh the wheels turn
99 slowly but uh ya know it's important that uh wuh ya
100 know we came in here on a consensus and and we
101 need to resolve this on a consensus and um ya know I
102 I'm sure Louise uh would uh uh would advise as well
103 that it's important to consult with uh Elders and uh
104 Spiritual Advisers as well so uh we're we're uh
105 endeavouring to do that now and and we're ready to
106 sit down and have those discussions and and uh we'll
107 do it uh as swiftly and as responsibly as uh as within
108 our power
109 Julian Fantino: Well Shawn uh we run outta time I can tell ya that
110 much so uh I don't know how quickly you you can or
111 you're willing to do things but uh uh we've reached
112 the end of the rope here uh we we just have no more
113 latitude at all Shawn so
114 Shawn Brant: Yeah
115 Julian Fantino: Just be on notice that uh that we we we just uh uh can
116 no longer wait and wait and wait uh there's just too
117 much uh at stake here you can't hold uh ya know hun
118 tens of thousands of people hostage like you're doin
119 and and and expect that we all be patient with you so
120 ya know consequences are consequences you're a big
121 boy and and uh and just remember you're also
122 dragging uh along with you an awful lot of innocent
123 people and uh I hate to see that happen where people
124 are are then punished because of of your lack of uh of
125 listening to all the advice that we've been trying to
126 give you
127 (simultaneously talking)
128 Shawn Brant: Well certainly uh it's not my intention to uh uh create
129 uh that type of animosity amongst uh the people who
130 are travelling and and uh we're
131 (simultaneously talking)
132 Julian Fantino: (Unintelligible)

133 Shawn Brant: We're taking that into consideration and and we're
134 looking at uh bringing this issue to a resolve and and
135 uh ya know I I I think that um ya know there uh
136 certainly needs to be um ya know at least uh an
137 opportunity to have those discussions uh uh rather
138 than um
139 (simultaneously talking)

140 Julian Fantino: We've given you given you the uh we've given you
141 that opportunity uh for for the last uh numbers of
142 hours um this is not a big issue you're in charge uh
143 you're responsible you can pull the plug uh uh you
144 know darn well that you're not supported by a whole
145 lot of people in First Nations so

146 Shawn Brant: Well ya know with with the greatest respect Mister
147 Fantino we we have uh ya know uh two officers here
148 that uh we've been engage engaging in discussions
149 with and and we have a good relationship with them
150 and and they're certainly expressing uh similar uh
151 view points that uh that you're bringing up now and
152 uh with the greatest respect uh I'd like the opportunity
153 to uh pursue those with those officers and and I think
154 it might be more appropriate if they conveyed that uh
155 message back to you and and we uh we dealt uh
156 directly with our officers uh we uh we're satisfied
157 with their honour and integrity and

158 Julian Fantino: (Unintelligible) (inaudible) (unintelligible)

159 Shawn Brant: We'll certainly uh listen to uh to to their suggestions
160 because they are community members and First
161 Nations people who uh are also uh reeling from

162 Julian Fantino: Shawn you're missing the point
163 (simultaneously talking)

164 Shawn Brant: Uh the circumstances that we live in

165 Julian Fantino: You're missing the point it's not about your officers
166 you you are blocking land that is not yours you're
167 you're interfering with the safe passage and free flow
168 of people's entitlement to travel along the various
169 highways that are not on your on your uh Reserve
170 they're not part of your land uh you've you've come

171 out to create great inconvenience to a whole lot of
172 people that uh that have got no issue with you uh you
173 have made it an issue for them so uh givin Tyendinaga
174 a a very bad name the whole community's affected uh
175 you're taking their the decent people uh down uh with
176 you the reputation is is gonna be worn by all I do not
177 see any responsibility towards all those fine people
178 that are are not in agreement with you but who are
179 part of your community who don't uh who don't
180 appreciate what you're doin I mean (unintelligible)
181 Shawn Brant: But I yeah I I did have uh and we all did we had
182 discussions with um uh some of those people I I
183 believe there was uh four individuals who who came
184 and they delivered a message for me this morning and
185 uh certainly we listened to them and and um and uh I
186 think that uh um ya know we we should just stick with
187 the uh the proper course of uh discussions and and uh
188 again with the greatest of respect uh I'd uh just like
189 the opportunity to to do that in uh the way that that we
190 have right now and and uh and I I certainly trust the
191 gentleman and and we're uh uh we're both confident
192 that uh a reasonable uh resolution can be reached in a
193 short length of time and and uh we're we're not
194 asking for uh um ya know a great deal where we're
195 simply only asking for the opportunity to uh to engage
196 in those discussions and to do it in the most
197 appropriate way
198 Julian Fantino: Shawn uh because of the uh traffic situation people
199 having to be rerouted we've already had two persons
200 injured in in in motor vehicle collisions and uh you're
201 responsible for that uh so how much more pain and
202 suffering uh grief and aggravation do you want to
203 cause decent law abiding citizens uh how much more
204 of this do you want on your conscience Shawn
205 Shawn Brant: Well I I certainly (unintelligible) want that
206 (simultaneously talking)
207 Julian Fantino: But you're gonna wear it you're gonna wear it Shawn
208 all the good things that you think you're doin uh and

209 you've been trying to do the good things you've been
210 saying they're all going down the tubes uh you're not
211 gonna be a hero for long trust me

212 Shawn Brant: Okay

213 Julian Fantino: If you keep this up so

214 Shawn Brant: Okay

215 Julian Fantino: Enough is enough now uh you've worn our patience
216 down uh the tolerance of the public is saturated
217 there's no more charity and no more no more putting
218 up with this uh ee I'm I'm I'm now warning you to
219 pull the plug on this because at the end of the day
220 you're gonna be the big loser as will the communities
221 you think you're representing because they're not
222 with you

223 Shawn Brant: I certainly appreciate after you're concerns and and I
224 share them as well and uh we'll uh have a um an
225 answer back and a solution to to the issue uh I'm
226 confident uh in a very short length of time uh we uh
227 we're simply about to uh

228 Julian Fantino: Shawn wuh we're nuh

229 Shawn Brant: Start burning tobacco and and uh that'll allow us

230 Julian Fantino: Shawn

231 Shawn Brant: To uh have some clarity on the issue

232 Julian Fantino: Shawn we're not negotiating anymore we've done it
233 all night I'm now telling you for the sake of uh all
234 that's decent and holy and the things you're trying to
235 achieve and and and to ensure that the reputation and
236 the credibility of of of First Nations people which I
237 think is being very severely damaged I I'm now
238 telling you pull the plug or you will suffer grave
239 consequences

240 Shawn Brant: Okay

241 Julian Fantino: Okay

242 Shawn Brant: Thank you sir

243 Julian Fantino: Thank you

244 Shawn Brant: Bye now

245 Julian Fantino: Bye

246 END OF COMMUNICATION.