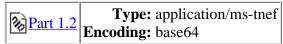
Subject: FW: N.S. Editorial on "Berlin Wall"
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> -----Original Message-----
             Ernie Crist
> From:
> Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2002 10:08 AM
> To: 'adangelo@nsnews.com'
             N.S. Editorial on "Berlin Wall"
> Subject:
> The Editor:
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> I had to hold onto my chair when I read the NEWS editorial on the
> Cleveland Dam Wall (Berlin Wall).
> The message is clear. For the GVRD to make promises and then do the exact
> opposite is OK. Apparently it is also OK to do it behind the public's
> back. Maybe we can better understand now why the word government,
> including "civic", leaves a bad taste in people's mouths.
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> Both these two points are the issue rather than the fiscal red herrings
> the editorial defended. When the decision, with public input, was made
> to put up the wall, it was done with the understanding that it would be
> for a duration of 2 years. If this was not the intention, then it should
> have been stated from the beginning. If a change was warranted, it should
> have, at the very least, been brought to the attention of District Council
> and the people directly affected. Neither was done, however. The
> District representative to the GVRD Water Committee, whom you praise to
> the skies as an example of courage and fiscal prudence, was silent.
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> You are mistaken. Anybody can make a promise and then renege on it. It
> does not take courage, at least not in my book. Courage is to stick to
> what the public thought was a decision made in good faith. That is
> courage. Any two bit politician can make promises and then go back on
> them. And just because selling out the public happens all the time does
> not make it a virtue.
> As for the "Berlin Wall" (Cleveland Wall), anybody who has seen it can
> testify that it is an ecological disaster that has cost the adjoining
> residents dearly. But since your editorial is full of praise for the
> culprits, albeit under the mantle of fiscal prudence, history will surely
> repeat itself. But as far as I am concerned, you sent the wrong message.
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> Ernie Crist,
> Councillor, District of North Vancouver
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