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Mr. Michael Shoemaker,
Senior Assistant Deputy Minister
(Police and Security),
Ministry of the Solicitor General,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

Thank you for your letter of March 18, 1981, in which, as Chairman of the Security Advisory Committee, you outlined possible consequences for security policy of recent draft proposals, developed by officials of the Department of Justice, to amend the Canadian human rights legislation. I have reviewed the points you made, and I agree that they should have careful consideration in relation to any amendments to be proposed.

It is my understanding that the proposals are still under consideration at the official level in Justice, and I think it would be appropriate that the views expressed in your letter be brought to the attention of the Deputy Minister of Justice. I have therefore written to him, forwarding a copy of your letter. Attached for your information is a copy of my letter to Mr. Tassé.

You will notice that I emphasize your view that any security-related proposals to amend the human rights legislation should be considered in relation to relevant recommendations of the McDonald Commission, and that the SAC should be given an opportunity to examine security aspects before proposals are submitted to Ministers.

I am also asking the Secretary of the Interdepartmental Committee on Security and Intelligence to provide members with copies of your letter, and my letter to Mr. Tassé, for their information.

Yours sincerely,
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G. S. Smith,
Associate Secretary
to the Cabinet.

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