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Mr. D.A. Wall,
Secretary,
Security Panel,
Privy Council Office,
East Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wall:

At the Security Panel meeting last Friday I undertook to provide you with reasons why a Review Board, if it were established, should not apply to the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian Forces establish grievance procedures that are open to officers and men which provide adequate means of review in any circumstance in which an individual considers that he has suffered any personal oppression, injustice or other ill-treatment. The channel of review commences with his commanding officer but he is authorized to require his grievance to be referred to more senior authorities, which, in the case of a man, is up to the Minister and in the case of an officer, the Governor in Council. This procedure ensures that the individual concerned may get the causes for his dismissal reviewed at the level of the Minister or the Governor-in-Council and this should provide an adequate protection to him. As each of the Forces have a staff of experts in the personnel security field, it does not seem likely that an outside Review Board would be of assistance in the Minister or Governor-in-Council making a decision where the individual requested that a review be made under the normal departmental procedures. A copy of the regulations on Redress of Grievances is attached.

Yours very truly,

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Deputy Minister

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