

SUGGESTED PREAMBLE TO REPLY TO MR. NIELSEN'S
QUESTION NO. 1,849, APRIL 3, 1973

In replying to this question, the Government has had to take into account that disclosure of information requested in some parts of the question would have an adverse effect on the efforts being made by the Government to ensure the security of Canada and ^{our} the system of Parliamentary democracy. ~~we are all fortunate enough to enjoy.~~

To disclose the details of the ongoing work ^{of structure} of Government security authorities and the cooperative interdepartmental security mechanism which has been in existence in various forms for many years and throughout the tenure of office of numerous governments would only serve to enlighten the enemies of Canada and ~~at the same time alarm our friends and allies.~~

~~Where~~ specific replies have been given, ^{public however,} ~~where~~ it is considered that it is in the interests of all Canadians to ~~make~~ ^{provide} the appropriate information ~~public and to so as to~~ clarify any misunderstandings that may have arisen about the interdepartmental security structure and the role of the Police and Security Planning and Analysis Group.

as a result of the question

there who would threaten our national security and ~~our~~ political system.

such a disclosure could also strain the trust and confidence of our friends & allies.

~~the~~ government deeply regrets that the question raises doubts about the competence and integrity of certain officials and ~~has~~ ^{it is} ~~not to reply in order~~ ~~to disclose any~~ ~~to provide a specific reply in~~

reaffirms its confidence in the ^{competence,} reliability and loyalty ~~and~~ of those ^{and all} officials charged with security responsibilities.

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