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Mr. W.R. Luyendyk,  
Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet,  
Privy Council Office.

Dear Mr. Luyendyk:

I am pleased to see that our proposals, as outlined in our letter of January 17th, 1974 to Mr. LEMIEUX concerning the discontinuation of favourable summaries, makes good sense to you.

2. You have referred, however, to C.D. 35 and the Royal Commission Report on Security, suggesting that this change would not be in keeping with the concepts described therein.

3. I cannot entirely agree with you on this matter in that paragraphs 11 and 12 of C.D. 35 do not suggest that there is a specified format that information be provided to the requesting departments. C.D. 35 does state that the investigative agency must inform customer departments as to the results of investigations in the form of factual reports after all the sources have been carefully evaluated and that these reports, together with other sources of information, will be used by the receiving department to allow them to reach an equitable decision as to an individual candidate's security, loyalty and reliability. Our proposal, to us, does nothing to detract from these concepts.

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4. Dealing with the Royal Commission Report, as you well know, the Security Service was very sensitive to the suggestions expressed in this report that we should provide information in as full a manner as possible and not in the form of abbreviated reports or "briefs". This criticism may have had some justification in the past, but I have been assured by those who have been long employed in the Security Service that the reason for this criticism in the Royal Commission Report was solely to improve the reporting of cases where adverse information was known or developed by the Security Service. In hindsight, we must admit that in the past, the reporting of adverse material, particularly dealing with political subversive matters may have been stereotyped to a degree, but the nature of the information, as you can appreciate, did sometimes dictate this format in our prepared briefs. This situation, as you know, has been rectified.

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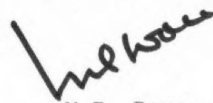
5. Nevertheless, to reiterate, this criticism was directed to adverse information only even though it was not specifically spelled out in the Royal Commission Report itself. Therefore, I feel the principle of supplying material dealing with favourable information does not assist a department in rendering its decision and has no validity as a basis of argument.

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6. In conclusion, I can only reassure you that the Security Service is always willing to discuss, to the fullest degree possible, any contentious cases with the respective Deputy Ministers or designated Security Officers of any government department and to offer any advice or help within our resources which may assist them. Despite these assurances I cannot agree with the principle suggesting that our files be made available to the Deputy Minister or any authorized Security Officer for perusal. The necessity for the protection of our files is of fundamental importance if we, as a Security Service, are not to be rendered ineffective.

7. I am sure you will share my views on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Director General  
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