

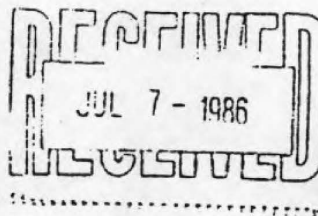
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Attention: Robert J. Hughes, Esq.

Dear Sir:

RE: [REDACTED]

Your letters dated 2 and 21 May 1986 concerning the release of [REDACTED] have been referred to me for reply.

The circumstances surrounding the release of [REDACTED] from the Canadian Forces have been thoroughly reviewed by authorities at this Headquarters, and it has been determined that [REDACTED]'s release was properly effected in accordance with applicable policy and regulations.

While the Government has expressed a commitment to the objective of enhancing individual rights and freedoms in Canada, the Government is also fully mindful of the basic "raison d'être" of the Canadian Forces and has, in another part of the response to the recommendations of the Equality Rights Subcommittee, fully recognized the overriding requirement of the Canadian Forces to be operationally effective in the interests of national security.

Because of the difficulties involved in reconciling individuals' rights and the ultimate goals of the Government and the Canadian Forces, the Chief of the Defence Staff has directed the formation of a Charter Task Force to review Canadian Forces policy and procedures in light of the factors stated above. Pending completion of the study, existing policies and procedures remain unchanged.

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In these circumstances, I regret to have to inform you that  
[REDACTED] cannot be extended the opportunity to re-enrol in the  
Canadian Forces.

Yours truly,

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