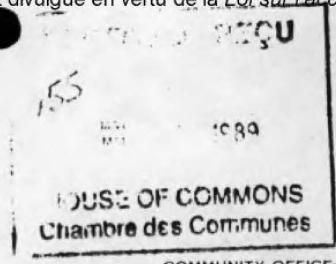




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Dear Mary:

I am responding to your letter of April 3 last concerning the current status of [redacted] and Canadian Forces policy on homosexuality. While I am of course pleased that [redacted]'s security clearance has been reinstated, I must take issue with the statement on page two of your letter that "[redacted]'s clearance has not been revoked ...". I enclose a copy of a confidential memorandum which would clearly indicate that this is not correct and that in fact his clearance was revoked. Please clarify this point.

In your letter you suggest that "the continuing exclusion of homosexuals became based on conduct and behavior rather than on orientation alone". However in a written answer to me from the former Minister of National Defence, Perrin Beatty, on May 24 last year, the Minister states that serving members actually engaged in the practise of homosexual activities are not being involuntarily released pending government consideration of the policy in this area. When I questioned you on this in the House earlier this month, you confirmed that the policy as outlined by Mr. Beatty remains in effect. I would ask that you confirm that this is indeed the policy in view of the apparent discrepancy between your answer in the House and your earlier letter to me. (I enclose a copy of Perrin Beatty's reply).

Thank you for having sent me a copy of CFAO 19-20. I note that it is stated that this policy issued July 9, 1976 supersedes Order in AL43/73. Please send me a copy of the Order in AL43/73 which was superseded by CFAO 19-20. As well I would be interested in receiving any current internal policy directives on the question of staffing within the Canadian Armed Forces and sexual orientation. I understand there is written internal policy dealing with the question of career development programs or promotions for gays and lesbians. Are there any written materials touching on the implementation of CFAO 19-20, for example to those training for the SIU?

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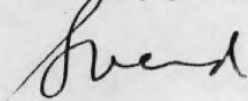
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Please provide me with an update on the number of members released from the Canadian Forces by virtue of the application of CFAO 19-20. What were the total number released in 1988 and in 1989 to date? How many cases are currently pending in the Canadian Armed Forces of individuals to whom CFAO 19-20 applies but who are not being released pending final review of this policy? What questions, if any, are asked of potential recruits dealing with sexual orientation?

I look forward to your reply on these important questions in the near future.

Sincerely yours,



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