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Mr. Svend J. Robinson, M.P.
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter of May 3, 1989 in which you raised your concerns with respect to the career action taken in the case of [REDACTED]

First of all, I apologize for the unduly-long delay in replying to you; however, as you are aware from our telephone and personal discussions on this matter, it was anticipated that the Canadian Forces policy on homosexuality would have been finalized and formalized much before this date. Unfortunately, this has not yet been done, so I will now reply to you on the basis of the current status.

As you are aware, the Canadian Forces enrol only such persons as are capable of performing all military tasks that are assigned to them and whose life-styles are compatible with the military environment. In the case of homosexuals, it is the considered view of authorities in both the Department of National Defence (DND) and the Canadian Forces that such persons create a number of serious problems for the Service which militates against their effective employment. The result, therefore, is that homosexual persons are not knowingly enrolled or retained in the Canadian Forces.

[REDACTED] admitted to being a person to whom this policy applies, and she was accordingly released from the Canadian Forces on [REDACTED]. She did not object to this release.

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While you may not agree with the DND and Canadian Forces policy in this regard, I thank you again for bringing your concerns to my attention.

Sincerely,

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