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The Hon Mary Collins
Associate Minister of Defence
274 Confederation Building
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Dear Mary:

This letter is further to earlier correspondence concerning an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces, [redacted]. [redacted] was a member of the ROTP and is currently in an air navigation course at CFB Winnipeg. You will recall from my letter of October 13 last that in view of the current policy of the Canadian Armed Forces on homosexuality and in view of [redacted]'s avowal that he is indeed a homosexual and has engaged in homosexual activity, he wishes to seek immediate release in compassionate circumstances from the Canadian Armed Forces. I appreciate your ongoing review of this matter and your recognition that release from obligatory service in these circumstances will not entail financial repayment.

At this time, it is naturally the desire of [redacted] that he obtain his release as quickly as possible. In this regard, I have discussed with Major Dave Olexa of the SIU in Winnipeg, the evidence necessary to corroborate [redacted]'s claim of homosexual activity. In that regard, I am enclosing a copy of a letter sent to me by [redacted]'s lover in London. I understand that [redacted] has provided SIU officers in Winnipeg with the names of counsellors he saw in London concerning, among other things, his homosexual orientation. These people would certainly corroborate his claim. Indeed his partner, [redacted] in London is, I understand, prepared to swear an affidavit in support of his statements. Beyond this, I have no eight by ten glossies of [redacted] engaging in homosexual activity.

I would hope that this matter could be disposed of as quickly as possible and [redacted] granted his release at the earliest possible date. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance. I am sending a copy of this letter and attachment to Major Olexa in Winnipeg as well.

Sincerely yours,

Svend J Robinson, MP
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cc Major Dave Olexa

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