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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of November 26, 1992, addressed to my predecessor the Honourable Marcel Masse, concerning the cancellation of the Canadian Forces policy on homosexuality and alleged treatment that you claim to have received as a former member of the Canadian Forces. The Prime Minister has also asked me to comment on your letter of January 27, 1993.

As you may be aware, the policy that was in place at the time you were serving in the Canadian Forces has not been in full effect for several years. Individuals are no longer investigated on the basis of their sexual orientation; however, an investigation was required under the old policy. A review of the Military Police investigation case file completed at the time your case was considered reveals that, at 1330 hours on February 16, 1978 you approached Lieutenant-Commander Neveu requesting an interview for "personal" reasons. You informed Lieutenant-Commander Neveu that you were a "security risk" as a result of a problem. After some delay, you admitted to being "gay". You were interviewed by the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) of the Military Police the next day when you confirmed your homosexual orientation and denied that you had homosexual relations with any member of the Canadian Forces. As a result of a medical examination (recommended by the policy at the time), you were prescribed medication (tranquilizers) and given seven days sick leave. The SIU investigated your admission to confirm that you were, in fact, a homosexual. You refused to make a statement or to name partners. Nonetheless, it was confirmed that the policy governing homosexuals applied in your case and, consequently, you were released from the Canadian Forces in accordance with Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian Forces, Article 15.01 Item 5(d) in that you were not advantageously employable under

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existing Service policy. It is unclear from the documentation available why you informed Canadian Forces' authorities of your sexual orientation. There was no policy requirement to do so.

As I am sure you are aware from your former military service, military personnel policies are routinely reviewed and modified as required to meet changing circumstances. When you were released from the military, the Canadian Forces policy on homosexuality was considered necessary to meet a military requirement. However, in 1992, it was determined that the policy was no longer required and, as you may know, the policy was cancelled on October 4, 1992. When the policy was cancelled, the policy change was not retroactive. This is similar to the approach taken to other policy changes in the past.

I hope this reply answers your question concerning your status and the policy of the Canadian Forces in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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