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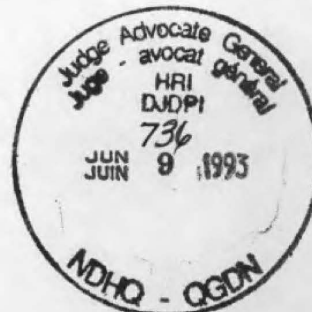
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Mr. Alex Korman
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Dear Mr. Korman:

Thank you for your letter of March 15, 1993, concerning the application of the former Canadian Forces policy as it relates to members who demonstrated homosexual conduct.

As you are probably aware, the Federal Court of Canada, Trial Division, declared on October 27, 1992, in the Douglas case, that the policy and any interim policies of the Canadian Forces regarding the service of homosexuals in the Canadian Forces were contrary to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. All policies concerning the service of homosexuals in the Canadian Forces were cancelled on that day by the Chief of the Defence Staff. This decision in Federal Court followed that in the case of Haig and Birch in the Ontario Court of Appeal on August 6, 1992, in which sexual orientation was found to be an analogous ground of discrimination under Section 15 of the Charter and was read into Section 3 of the Canadian Human Rights Act as a prohibited ground of discrimination for purposes of that act. These cases have not been appealed by the parties and are now part of the law of Canada.

Once again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

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