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GREFFIER DU CONSEIL PRIVÉ ET
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TOP SECRET

February 15, 1978.

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Dear Mike,

This refers to your letter of
January 11, 1978, under File No. [REDACTED]
and my response of January 19, 1978.
I am not concerned with the particular case
but rather I am trying to clarify in my own
mind what the policy is that governs such
cases. So as to avoid a protracted
correspondence, I have asked Mr. Finn to
discuss these matters with you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael

Mr. M.A. Dare,
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Security Service,
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January 19, 1978.

Dear Mr. Dare,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 11, 1978, under File No. [REDACTED]. The Prime Minister has today taken note of the letter. Thank you for sending it to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M.A. Dare,
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February 14, 1978.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. FINN:R.C.M.P. Surveillance

This letter refers to an R.C.M.P. report that I received for the Prime Minister's information with regard to the abnormal sexual proclivities of a [REDACTED] Senator. I do not think any further facts are necessary to understand what troubles me, except perhaps to say that it was clear that a considerable effort had gone into documenting the case.

I am not at all sure that the Prime Minister had to know this story. The Senator holds no other office and is unlikely to hold any office. If the Prime Minister did not have to know, I wonder if the R.C.M.P. had to know -- at least, know more than they might have heard the first time through the rumour mill. If they did have to know, then should they have told someone in the government? Who should that person have been? And what should he have done with the information?

I wonder what the policy is that governs this sort of situation and from whence it draws its authority.

There is no clear or easy answer to any of the above questions and in asking them I hope I will not be interpreted as lacking confidence in the Force or questioning anyone's motivation or sense of duty. I am simply trying to understand as a new boy why we are in some of the businesses we seem to get into.

P.M.P.

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February 15, 1978.

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Mr Pitfield

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. ROBERTSON:

You will recall drafting these letters.

They are clearly confidences between
Privy Councillors.

I would think, however, that they are
so germane to the McDonald Commission's work that it would
seem to me we should release them.

*I agree that they should go
to the Commission. They ought to
be very helpful to them.*

P.M.P.

[Signature]

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