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October 20, 1983.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have for reply your letter of October 18, 1983, with respect to testimony given by Senator Michael 'Pitfield during hearings of the Special Senate Committee Examining National Security Legislation. I am not sure on what basis Senator Pitfield may have made the remarks which you attribute to him. I respectfully suggest that if you require further elaboration on this point, you contact Senator Pitfield directly.

The matter of National Security Legislation comes within the purview of my colleague, the Honourable Robert Kaplan, Solicitor General, who is also responsible for reporting to Parliament on the operations of the R.C.M.P. Any questions as to the present practices or policies concerning the granting of security clearances would be more appropriately directed to Mr. Kaplan.

Yours sincerely,

YVON PINARD.

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