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Dear Mr. Low:

Enclosed is a departmental position paper entitled "Canadian Forces Policy on Sexual Orientation (Homo-sexuality)". This paper has been developed as it deals with a policy which may be considered as potentially discriminatory. Also enclosed is a copy of the Canadian Forces Administration Order giving effect to this policy.

Although this paper has not yet received senior level approval within the Department of National Defence, it is being provided at this time as you may wish to include this issue in the discussion paper on equality rights matters. As we agreed, I will attempt to gain senior level approval as quickly as possible. However, if that is not successful, it will be necessary to withdraw the paper from further consideration.

As I indicated in earlier correspondence, we would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment upon the draft discussion paper, specifically insofar as it relates to Canadian Forces policies. Please feel free to call me at any time at 992-6273.

A copy of this letter and the enclosed papers is being forwarded to Clare Beckton.

Yours truly,

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