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The Honourable John Crosbie, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
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Dear Colleague:

I am writing to you with respect to your letter of April 25, 1986 concerning the coordination and implementation of "Toward Equality" and the Government's commitment to recommendations 10 and 11 of "Equality for All".

I would, at the outset, like to assure you of my commitment to the implementation of the Government's policy on sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination. While the RCMP does not seem to have formal, explicit policies on sexual orientation, which would have to be altered, its informal practices most certainly will. Consequently, before responding to your request, I believe it is essential to examine with the Commissioner of the Force what measures, if any, would be needed to inform RCMP members of Government policy and to ensure that RCMP practices comply with that policy.

Once the Commissioner and I have completed our assessment, I will be able to provide a more definitive response to your request. Until that time, I am confident that the RCMP is putting into effect the Government policy on sexual orientation.

Sincerely,

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