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Commissioner R.H. Simmonds
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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Dear Commissioner Simmonds:

This letter refers to our discussion on May 6, 1986 concerning James Stiles v. Her Majesty the Queen. You will recall that during that meeting you had asked for some guidance on the defence of the case which might be used as instruction to counsel. In response I had undertaken to seek the advice of the Minister of Justice.

Having reviewed the Statement of Claim, it appears that Mr. Stiles is invoking the Charter of Rights in connection with his unsuccessful attempts made after April 17, 1985, to be readmitted as a member, such readmission allegedly denied on the grounds of homosexuality. I understand that there is the possibility for a defence motion to strike those parts of the Claim that are pre-Charter but that, at best, would result only in a delay. Accordingly, I would like you to clarify the nature of the guidance or instructions which you wish me to confirm.

Sincerely,

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