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Dear Sirs,

My name is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I have decided to write out my statement hoping that it might help me in my cause to remain in the Canadian Armed Forces.

When Sgt J. R. Tremblay of the Special Investigation Unit picked me up at the airport, he explained to me that there was an ongoing investigation about the possibility that I might be gay. I was nervous of course, but not for the reason of being labelled as "homosexual" on my record, but rather more nervous about the possibility of losing my career in the Armed forces.

Since then Sgt Tremblay and I have had many talks. On several occasions I re-affirmed my statement that "Yes I was gay and that I was sincere in saying that I still want to remain within the Armed Forces. You see, I am very proud of the fact that I am a member of the Canadian Armed Forces. My job, cook, means a lot more to me than just an 8 to 4 job. it's a personal commitment that I have pledge to myself, to always do the best that I can, and when possible, to help out my co-workers.

I am gay, and have known that fact for as long as I can remember. I do not know the reasons why I'm gay, nor do I research the causes of homosexuality, if they exist. As far as I understand it, homosexuality is simply a sexual orientation. It does not bother me that I am gay. Actually, I'm quite comfortable with it. I have never performed acts of voyeurism, exhibitionism, gross indecency nor bestiality. I am a very normal 31 year old man who just happens to be gay. My personal behavior has never brought scandal on other members of the CF nor did I ever bring discredit to the CF.

I have read and understand article CFAO 19-20.7 which states that service policy does not allow homosexual members to be retained in the CF. But in view of the fact that this particular CFAO was issued July 9, 1976, certain parliamentary committees have been set up to re-evaluate this situation. The former Minister of Justice, Mr. John Crosbie, said that homosexuals should not be denied entry into the forces. Of course, there are a lot of mixed views about this in the RCMP and within the Armed Forces. At this same time, the equality clause in the Charter of Rights and freedom is in the process of being challenged in the courts. It's a long, painful and very expensive process for all parties involved, one which, I hope, I won't have to go through.

I am a very simple man. My job doesn't ask for a lot of brain work, and to you, I'm probably very easy to replace. Nevertheless, I thought that if I came to you openly, and

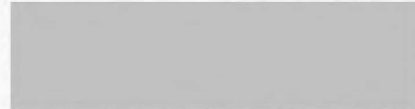
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honestly, maybe you would review this case very carefully and grant me the one thing that I wish more than anything else: To remain within the Armed Forces. I really appreciate the fact that Sgt Tremblay has done everything in his power to keep this as quiet as the military guidelines allow. Gentlemen, that is how I sincerely wish it could remain. All parties involved, of course know about this, and it doesn't have to go any further. I am truly hopeful that things will work out for the best for both the service and myself, so that I might continue to work to the best of my abilities while serving the Canadian Armed Forces,

Sincerely,



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