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Dear Minister Campbell:

Further to my letter of March 15 1993 which remains unanswered, Canada's treatment of gays and lesbians kicked out of the Armed Forces, has never been addressed or even acknowledged.

We believe that many former military personnel were released from serving their Country, simply because they were gay or lesbian. Prior to 1967, discharge policies on homosexuals varied in the military, but all of them called for discharge.

As you know only too well, the Sexual Deviation-Investigation, Medical Examination and Disposal Policy of 1967, called for immediate reporting of sexual deviates (sic), an investigation "that must be carefully managed so that innocent persons are not made to suffer" and discharge. It also called for "a minimum of publicity".

In 1976, the military issued the Canadian Forces Administrative Order 19-20 (CFAO 19-20) requiring the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) to investigate suspected homosexuals. This was allowed to continue unchallenged until 1987 when CFAO 19-20 was amended so that members were no longer required to report suspected homosexuals.

In 1988 CFAO 19-20 was again amended suspending the involuntary release of serving members who engaged in homosexual acts. On or about October 04 1992, CFAO 19-20 was repealed and replaced with an order governing sexual misconduct regardless of sexual orientation.

We are quite aware that this policy change was not made retroactive, however you are also aware that since the 1940's era of anti-Communist witchhunts and the Cold War between East and West, right up to and including the abolishment of CFAO 19-20, the regulations, policy and directives surrounding the subject of homosexuality in the Canadian Forces was inhumane, vindictive and immoral.

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The myth that gays and lesbians were inherent security risks resulted in the "routine investigation, interrogation and dismissal" from the Canadian Forces. This travesty of justice for men and women who chose to serve, defend and even die if necessary for their country.

The bizzare, sick, nazi type of interrogation tactics committed by an uncontrolled and unchecked military machine of the SIU has resulted in untold numbers of ruined careers, as well we are now being informed, of a number of suicides.

The SIU obviously had a peculiar sense of curiosity when its members demanded and received the explicit sexual details of the various liasons of Veterans.

Our Organization, (GLOV) is presently investigating these violations and we represent the interests and welfare of all gay and lesbian Veterans, past and present. We require the following documentation and request you provide this office with the following copies.

- copy of CFAD 19-20 and all its various amendments.
- copy of the policy/regulations/directives/guidelines and procedures past and present, defining the different catagories of discharge.
- copy of the SIU's policy/regulations/directives/guidelines and procedures past and present, on their dealings with gays and lesbians.

In addition to our request above, we raise the following questions:

1. Since 1945, how many men and women have been kicked out of military because they were gay or lesbian?
2. How many men and women were discharged from the military under CFAD 19-20 prior to its repeal?
3. How many gay men and lesbian women were released from the military under the broad catagory of "Not Advantageously Se Employable"?
4. How many gay men and lesbian women were released from the military under the broad catagory of "Unsuitable for Further 5d Service"?
5. How many gay men and lesbian women have committed suicide within six months of being kicked out of the military?

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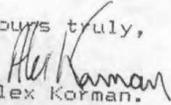
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6. What is the current status of the SIU today and what role does it have in the private sexual lives of serving members?
7. How did the SIU conduct their investigations and interrogations of suspected gay men and lesbian women?
8. Were these suspected gay men and lesbian women offered the basics of representation, in accordance with the principles of Natural Justice, Civil Liberties and Human Rights?
9. You are the current Minister responsible for National Defence and Veterans Affairs, what steps are you taking to address these violations of gay and lesbian Veterans being kicked out of the military from 1945 until the replacement of CFAD 19-20?
10. What assistance, redress, compensation or settlement does Canada intend to make to these Veteran victims of injustice?
11. When do you intend to set up a Federal Commission of Inquiry to fully investigate the military's past atrocities on gay men and lesbian women.
12. During SIU interrogations, private property was searched and gay men and lesbian women had personal effects confiscated by the military, when will these effects be returned to their rightful owners?
13. What was the "medication tranquilizers" prescribed for gay men and lesbian women during interrogation by the SIU?
14. Why did the SIU demand to know the explicit sexual details of members in their liaisons, and for what purpose?
15. What military requirement was considered necessary to release gay men and lesbian women prior to 1992?

We look forward to your early reply.

Yours truly,


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