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The Honourable Hedy Fry, P.C., M.P.
Secretary of State (Multiculturalism)
(Status of Women)
106-1030 Denman Street
Vancouver BC V6G 2M6

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your letter of July 3, 1998, on behalf of [REDACTED] concerning her request for re-enrolment in the Canadian Forces.

[REDACTED] enrolled in the Canadian Forces on [REDACTED] and in 1983 she was released from under the *Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian Forces*, article 15.01, release item 5(D). [REDACTED] was released as a result of her homosexuality in accordance with the Canadian Forces policy on homosexual activity in force at the time. It must be understood that the Canadian Forces policy on homosexuality at the time was one that reflected long-standing national attitudes towards homosexuality and was consistent with Canadian legislation prior to the enactment of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. [REDACTED] requested re-enrolment in 1987, but because the policy on homosexuality was still in effect, her request was denied.

In October 1992, however, as a result of a decision of the Federal Court of Canada, the Chief of the Defence Staff revoked the Canadian Forces policy on homosexuality. As of that date, the reason for [REDACTED]'s release and subsequent refusal on her 1987 re-enrolment request no longer preclude her from being considered, in competition with other applicants, for re-enrolment in the

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Canadian Forces. [REDACTED] should contact the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre nearest her to obtain information on re-enrolling in the Canadian Forces. The address is as follows:

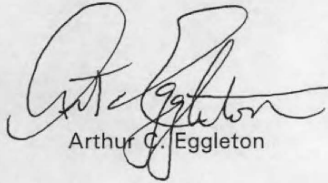
Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Vancouver
Sinclair Centre
757 West Hastings Street, Suite R125
Vancouver BC V6C 1A1

Telephone: (604) 666-4192

The personal information herein relating to [REDACTED] is being disclosed to you under the *Privacy Act* solely for the purpose of assisting her in resolving a problem.

Once again, thank you for your representation. I hope the foregoing is of assistance.

Sincerely,



Arthur C. Eggleton

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