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Mr. Svend J. Robinson, M.P.  
House of Commons  
Room 386-CB  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Robinson:

In response to your letter of March 19, 1984, I am pleased to confirm that the partial lifting of the moratorium on the routine destruction of RCMP Security Service files, first imposed at the time of the McDonald Commission hearings, has now resulted in the destruction of over 200,000 files on individuals.

With respect to the method of destruction, hard copy or paper files were destroyed by being burned or pulped in accordance with established security procedures. All automated or computerized copies of these files have also been erased, as required by the policy I issued on February 11, 1983. (As you requested, I enclose a copy of this policy for your information.)

Concerning files on homosexuals, all files opened in the past solely on the basis of an individual's sexual orientation have now been destroyed, and this category of file has been discontinued. Furthermore, the RCMP does not have a desk or a unit assigned to the investigation of homosexuals. Members of the RCMP are expressly forbidden by policy from conducting general inquiries relating to homosexuals, their organizations, their associates or their meeting places. In consequence, no such information is to be collected, reported or retained, unless it can be demonstrated to relate directly to an operating program of the Force in connection with its law enforcement responsibilities,

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an operating program of the Security Service within its mandate, or the security screening program pursuant to Cabinet Directive 35.

I trust the above will be of assistance concerning the questions which you raised.

Yours truly,

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BOB KAPLAN

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