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Dear Mr. Elliott:

RE: Operation Pipeline and Meeting

I am writing to follow up the Final Report of Paul Kennedy, Chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP in the Operation Pipeline matter (dated July 4, 2008; File No.: PC-2005-0658). As you know, the B.C. Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) was the complainant in this matter.

In his Final Report, Mr. Kennedy recommended that “a program review of Operation Pipeline be initiated to assess whether policing techniques shared and learned during these exchanges are fully compliant with Canadian law and the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.” In your letter of response to Mr. Kennedy, dated June 12, 2008, you state that you “will also direct a review of Operation Pipeline” according to Mr. Kennedy’s recommendations.

Given the BCCLA’s concerns in this matter, we request that you provide the BCCLA with a copy of the recommended assessment.

The BCCLA also notes that Mr. Kennedy specifically commented on the delay in receiving your Notice. In particular, he writes: “Delays of this nature negatively impact both the effectiveness of any remedial measures and the perception of the complainant(s), member(s) and the public.”

The BCCLA would like to reiterate Mr. Kennedy’s concerns about your unreasonable delay in responding to Mr. Kennedy’s Interim Report in this matter. This delay was 18 months. Delays of this nature seriously undermine the legitimacy of the complaint process under the *RCMP Act*. It is the BCCLA’s experience as a complainant that there are numerous delays all through the complaint process, often caused by RCMP staff.

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Delays also may result in Canadians being subject to illegal and inappropriate police behaviour when a complaint is substantiated as in this case.

Furthermore, the BCCLA emphasizes again that we believe it is inappropriate for foreign law enforcement officials to undertake active policing activities in Canada whether they have been afforded appropriate legal status or not. Canadians should not be subject to foreign law enforcement officer policing given their limited or non-existent training, knowledge and experience of Canadian law.

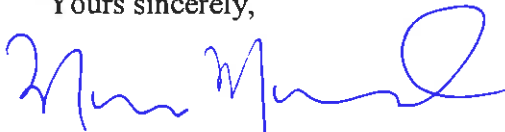
Finally, we note that Mr. Kennedy does not make recommendations to discipline in any way RCMP officers despite their violation of policy and illegal conduct. We ask that you do so and inform us of the result.

In closing, the BCCLA reiterates our request to meet with you to discuss a variety of issues of common interest. I note that your letter of December 24, 2007 (attached) invites us to make arrangements with your staff to schedule a meeting.

I have spoken to your assistant Jo-Anne Bougie on numerous occasions to schedule a meeting when you are in Vancouver but to date have had no success.

Perhaps you could speak with Ms. Bougie to find a date or dates on your calendar.

Yours sincerely,



Murray Mollard,
Executive Director

cc: Paul Kennedy, Chair, Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP

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Dear Mr. Mollard:

Thank you for your letters of September 13 and September 21, 2007, and enclosures, and for your congratulations on my appointment as Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I apologize for the delay in responding.

I would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the issues you have raised. In this regard, a member of your staff may contact my Executive Administrative Assistant, Ms. Jo-Anne Bougie, at (613) 993-0401, to make the necessary arrangements.

I look forward to meeting with you to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Yours sincerely,

William J. S. Elliott