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The Honourable Jean-Pierre Beaulne, Q.C.
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Dear Mr. Beaulne:

I have recently received correspondence from
Mr. Alain Olivier.

As you know, Mr. Olivier is a Canadian citizen who is currently serving a life sentence in Thailand for drug-related offences. In his letters, Mr. Olivier makes various allegations of wrongdoing on the part of the RCMP in conducting the undercover operation which led to his arrest, prosecution and conviction in Thailand.

I am aware that, based on a complaint initiated by the former Chairman in June 1989, the PCC conducted a public interest investigation into the conduct of the RCMP in carrying out "Operation Deception". I understand that the Chairman's complaint concerned the lawfulness of, the authority for, and the acceptability of, the RCMP operation.

While it is clear that this matter has already been investigated by the PCC, it is not clear whether Mr. Olivier's specific concerns were examined as part of the public interest investigation. With this in mind, I have enclosed copies of letters from Mr. Olivier sent to me and to the former Director, RCMP and Enforcement Policy Division, of this Department, so that you can determine whether Mr. Olivier's allegations merit further investigation by the PCC.

I trust that this material will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

THE HON. HERB GRAY, M.P.

Enclosures