

CR 760 736
5

Solicitor General
of Canada



Solliciteur général
du Canada

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0P8

JUN 25 1997

Mr. Alain Olivier
Centre régional de réception
de Ste Anne des Plaines
246, Monté Gagnon
Ste Anne des Plaines, Québec
JON 1H0

Dear Mr. Olivier:

Thank you for your letter of March 16, 1997, requesting information with respect to instituting of a full public inquiry into "Operation Deception" and into the Public Complaints Commission (PCC) review of your complaint. Please excuse the delay in responding to you, but as your return to Canada was imminent, we waited to know your new location before replying to you.

With respect to your request for a public inquiry, please note that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Public Complaints Commission (PCC) has the authority to both launch an investigation in the public interest and to call a public hearing. Indeed, in June 1989, the RCMP PCC Chairman launched an investigation 'in the public interest' into the conduct of the RCMP in this case, pursuant to Section 45.43(1) of the RCMP Act. It appears that in the case of your two complaints, lodged in June and November 1994 respectively, the Chairman of the RCMP PCC chose not to initiate such proceedings.

I understand that you lodged your third complaint with the RCMP PCC on January 5, 1996, and that it is currently under review. We have every confidence that the Commission will take into consideration any new evidence brought forward, and make recommendations accordingly. Due to the independent nature of RCMP PCC investigations, it would be inappropriate for me to comment further.

Nevertheless, I will forward a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Jean-Pierre Beaulne, Chairman of the RCMP Public Complaints Commission, so that he may be aware of your concerns.

.../2

Canada

003625

I hope that this letter has clarified the questions you raised in your letter.

Yours truly

Original signed by
Original signed par
HON. ANDY SCOTT

Andy Scott

c.c.: The Honourable Jean-Pierre Beaulne, Q.C.
Chairman, RCMP Public Complaints Commission