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REPORT ON AN INVESTIGATION OF A COMPLAINT INITIATED  
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION  
INTO CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE RCMP WHICH RESULTED IN THE ARREST  
AND DETENTION OF ALAIN OLIVIER IN THAILAND

RCMP Act: Part VII  
Subsections 45.37(1) AND 45.43(1) AND 45.43(3)

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Perhaps the Chairman does not yet have sufficient, credible information to make findings of fact or recommendations. Accordingly, he is left with the decision, whether he will attempt to investigate further, to interview the members of the Force who were involved in Operation Deception, to interview the agent Glen Barry, to re-interview Alain Olivier in jail in Thailand or whether he must now initiate a public hearing to enquire fully into all of the issues raised by his complaint; a public hearing where the witnesses will appear and give evidence and be cross-examined; where the focus will be on the conduct of the RCMP members and their agent, who were responsible for Operation Deception and where every effort will be made to secure the attendance of Alain Olivier even if that attendance must be secured through the intervention of the Government of Canada. If arrangements could not be made for Olivier to attend, then the Government of Canada should take all necessary steps to ensure that Commission counsel, counsel for the RCMP and the panel members could attend in Thailand for the purpose of taking commission evidence under oath from the one person who has not yet had a chance to speak freely.

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Discussed on numerous occasions with the Chairman. And to a lesser extent with the Vice-Chairman. Told the Chairman that ~~while~~ while substantiated effort had been devoted by Paul McEwen to prepare this report, I felt that the approach was that of a defense counsel attempting to defend Olivier. I brought to his attention my concern about numerous statements contained in the report about the conduct of the operations and the behavior of the members, particularly Bennett that were, in my opinion, totally wrong. I requested the view the facts of page 138 and the analysis and conclusions had failed to take into consideration all the material and Paul seems to have omitted to expense who Olivier was and his willingness to be part of the deal. While the material (360) were edited, they provided a comprehensive description of the plan. I also added the

The need to have a hearing. I also talk to  
that a hearing would create a number of  
problems - Devere ~~is~~ would have to be  
a witness or the Thai police - several of the  
It could cause an important conflict,  
the Thai authority - undermining but I  
cooperation - and it would be very serious.  
I thought that a hearing should be a total  
last resort - only if it is absolutely necessary,  
I pointed out to De. for on several occasions  
my disagreement with statements in this  
report such as Bennett not telling the  
~~truth~~ - Bennett could have used  
word in his testimony, but he was not by  
not attempting to mislead. I also told  
him that Mr. Paul questioned seriously the  
accuracy of the content of the file thinking  
that the information was reported in a  
manner to justify the team of UIC to go  
ahead with their investigation. My view  
was that we had to take the information  
as authentic. I also pointed out to De. for  
that they were statements in the report re  
as (P.168) the conduct of the UIC members - are  
- not only unacceptable, it is "hoopring out  
entirely" are not supported by the information  
above and told De. some very total responses.  
There are other statements of this nature see  
(at page 166) as the conduct of members  
demonstrated "a blatant disregard for the  
dignity of humanness which should be  
"shall" at (P.167) that the members "created the  
scene" ~~How~~ I am in accord with Paul with respect  
to not informing the Minister and External Affairs  
I also told De. for that Devere was not properly  
threatened - The members followed the law.

## THE MAJOR PLAYERS

Glen Barry - former RCMP Informant, now an Agent in Operation Deception  
 Cst. J.M.N. Boucher, "E" Division - prepared Operation Deception Plan  
 Cst. R.G. Peach, "E" Div. - U/C Unit - DIFO  
 Sgt. D.E. Massey, "E" Div. - Unit NCO i/c Undercover Unit  
 Cpl. B.R. Bennett, "E" Div. - member undercover team  
 Cpl. Derek Flannagan, "E" Div. - member undercover team  
 Cst. J. Girdlestone, "E" Div. - member undercover team  
 Sgt. B.E. Shouldice, "E" Div. - NCO i/c Anti-Drug Profiteering Unit, DIFO  
 Staff Sgt. Ken Kelly, Liaison Officer, Bangkok, Thailand  
 Insp. R.C. Singbeil, "E" Div. - OIC Drug Intelligence & Field Operations (DIFO)  
 Sgt. Jack Dop, "E" Div. - member undercover team  
 Superintendent L. Eyman, "E" Div. - OIC Drug Enforcement Branch  
 Chief Supt. F.G. Palmer, "E" Div. - OIC Federal Operations, "E" Div.  
 Insp. Neil Pouliot, H.Q. Ottawa, OIC National/International Drug Operations  
 A/Commr. J.J.M. Coutu, H.Q. Ottawa, Acting Deputy Commr. Operations  
 A/Commr. R. Stamler, H.Q. Ottawa, Director Drug Enforcement Branch  
 Commr. N.D. Inkster, H.Q. Ottawa, Commissioner of the Force

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transcript of the tapes, we have a pretty good picture of what has happened. The tapes transcript for example, and I invited de Jossie to read them attentively and also Oliver's statement and one or two that Oliver was not satisfied in his statement. Also the statement of Col. A. of Thai police is very complete and must be believed. I mentioned to de Jossie that I felt that we should