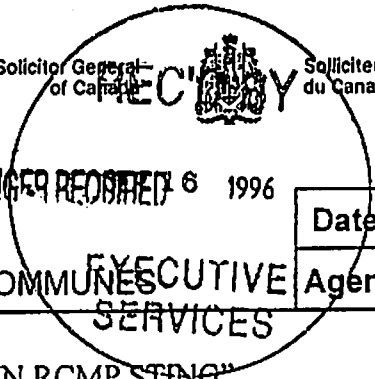


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Subject/Highlights - Sujet/Points saillants

"JAILED CANADIAN A "PAWN" IN RCMP STING"

Former RCMP PCC investigator Paul McEwen claims that Alain Olivier, a Canadian serving a life sentence in Thailand, was a "sacrificial pawn" in an undercover RCMP drug-related sting operation. Mr. McEwen alleges that his report on Operation Deception, which was highly critical of the RCMP, was rewritten to remove blame from the Force.

Source: September 13, 1996 edition of the Globe & Mail

Assessment - Évaluation Classification: Unclassified - Non-classifié

Mr. Olivier's situation first became the subject of a PCC inquiry in June 1989 when the Chairman initiated a public interest investigation into the conduct of the RCMP and the events surrounding "Operation Deception". The PCC investigation was sparked by a television program and several newspaper articles in 1989.

The PCC investigated whether the RCMP: violated Mr. Olivier's constitutional rights; failed to follow a Ministerial Directive; failed to seek his extradition from Thailand; conducted an unauthorized operation overseas; abandoned him in Thailand; coerced and manipulated him.

The PCC found that: his rights were not violated; some procedures established in the Ministerial Directive on Police Assistance to Foreign Nations were not followed; there was no failure by RCMP members to seek his extradition; Operation Deception was authorized by appropriate RCMP managers and was carried out in conformity with RCMP policies and procedures; he was not abandoned in Thailand; while he was manipulated by undercover RCMP officers, Mr. Olivier was not coerced or entrapped. The PCC stands by its findings.

In the RCMP's view, the Ministerial Directive governing RCMP assistance to foreign police forces did not apply to Operation Deception. Departmental officials are currently working with the RCMP to develop a new directive on foreign operations.

Operation Deception resulted in the seizure of drugs with a street value of \$20 million, involving 33 people charged with 73 trafficking offences.

Suggested Reply - Réponse suggérée

INDEPENDENT
THE PCC IS AN INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN AGENCY WHOSE MANDATE IS TO CONDUCT UNBIASED REVIEWS AT ARM'S LENGTH FROM THE RCMP AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

REVIEW
THE PCC HAS COMPLETED ITS JOB, AS REQUIRED BY THE RCMP ACT. IN THIS CASE, IT CONDUCTED A PUBLIC INTEREST INVESTIGATION IN 1991 AND HAS REVIEWED THE CASE FURTHER AT THE REQUEST OF MR. OLIVIER. THE PCC STANDS BY THE FINDINGS OF ITS REPORTS. *when? 1994*

IF NEW EVIDENCE IS BROUGHT FORWARD, I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT THE PCC WILL REVIEW THE MATTER FURTHER.

MR. OLIVIER IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT FOR A TRANSFER TO CANADA TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF HIS SENTENCE THROUGH THE CANADA-THAILAND TRANSFER OF OFFENDERS TREATY IN FEBRUARY 1997.

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