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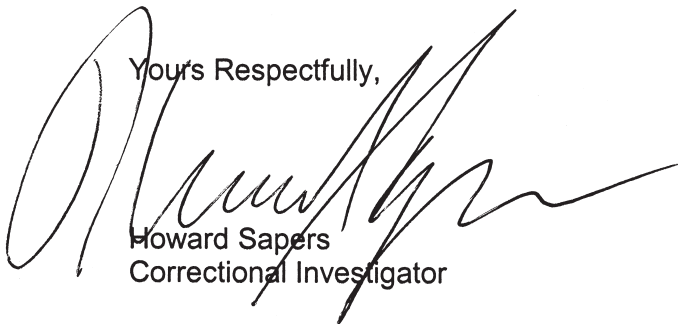
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The Honourable A. Anne McLellan, P.C., M.P.
Solicitor General of Canada
(Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness)
House of Commons
Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Minister,

In accordance with the provision of section 192 of the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act*, it is my duty and privilege to submit to you the 31st Annual Report of the Correctional Investigator.

Yours Respectfully,



Howard Sapers
Correctional Investigator

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MR. RONALD R. STEWART
CORRECTIONAL INVESTIGATOR
November 1977 – October 2003

Mr. Stewart retired from the position of Correctional Investigator in October of last year after more than a quarter century of service. During his tenure we have witnessed significant and lasting changes in the field of corrections.

The role of the Correctional Investigator, during this time period, has been consistent in the promotion of a correctional system that is fair, safe and humane:

- the Office's Inquiry Report into allegations of staff misconduct at Archambault Institution in the early 1980's brought a public focus to segregation practices which resulted in sweeping policy changes.
- the Office's active participation in the development of the 1992 Corrections and Conditional Release Act, which clearly established the Correctional Investigator as an Ombudsman and defined a set of principles to promote the fair and humane treatment of federal offenders, and
- the Office's 1995 Report on the Mistreatment of Offenders at the Prison for Women which resulted in Madame Justice Arbour's Commission of Inquiry and the subsequent recommendations concerning openness, accountability and compliance with the rule of law in correctional operations.

The former Solicitor General of Canada, Mr. Wayne Easter on the occasion of Mr. Stewart's retirement wrote:

Your efforts, and those of your staff, reflected your commitment to maintaining an independent and accessible avenue of redress for offender complaints. Your work has resulted in the resolution of thousands of individual offender inquiries or complaints. At the policy level, your recommendations to the Commissioner of the Correctional Service of Canada, and to my predecessors and me, have helped to ensure that the Correctional Service fulfills its mandate. Your contribution to the protection of society has been direct: you continually engaged and challenged the Correctional Service to advance and improve the ways in which it encourages and assists offenders to become law-abiding citizens, while exercising reasonable, safe, secure and humane control and respecting the rule of law.

The Office of the Correctional Investigator would like to thank Mr. Stewart for his long service and offer best wishes for his retirement.

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