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TO:
ALL LAND REGISTRARS

FREE SEARCHING PRIVILEGES

EXPIRY

In addition to the free searching privileges related to our system of inter-departmental accounts and identification cards, we have traditionally issued letters of authorization to certain individuals, or classes of individuals, allowing them free access to land registration records. Some of these individuals have been members of county historical societies compiling local chronicles; some have been engaged in writing the Tweedsmuir Histories, and others have been involved in the preparation of theses for academic courses.

We have, in addition, allowed free access for surveys of various sorts by government agencies and by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons).

Many of the letters of authorization previously issued by the office of the Inspector of Legal Offices and, until a few months ago, by this office, were not specific as to the times when service would be provided or when the authorization would terminate. Because of the volume of business handled by our offices, it is becoming more and more difficult to supply services to other than paying customers.

In order to impose greater control on the provision of services, I hereby revoke, effective January 1, 1975 all authorizations issued before June 1, 1974.

Land Registrars are hereby authorized to place reasonable restrictions on the amount of free service provided to persons holding letters of authorization and they are reminded that such persons are required to pay for all photocopies of documents, books, etc., at tariff rates, and that their requirements must not result in the reduction of services to paying customers.

This change in policy is not intended to affect Government of Canada employees engaged in the examination of land registration records for income tax purposes nor, at this time, Government of Ontario personnel to whom our identification cards have been issued.

Richard E. Priddle
Executive Director

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