

Re: RCMP Cpl. Derek Flanagan's death

Montreal, September 17, 2012

ATT: Honourable Stephen Harper
Prime Minister of Canada
Chamber of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada, K1A-0A6

Subject: Request for a Public Inquiry

Mr. Prime Minister

Despite my previous letters to your attention (see enclosed letter), you have decided to remain silent. You were informed of the fact that RCMP members involved in Operation Deception in Thailand had extensively lied with regard to the circumstances surrounding RCMP Cpl. Derek Flanagan's death. Yet, you didn't feel important to intervene.

Usually, under circumstances as serious and as controversial as the death of a federal agent in the line of duty, one would expect the Prime Minister to insure the Canadian public, including the victim's family were told the truth.

For years, I've stated that the RCMP lied with regard to the circumstances leading to Cpl. Flanagan's death. It includes my claim to the Public Complaints Commission (PCC) officials, as well as my personal complaints to the PCC in 1994.

Such claim and request for a public inquiry were renewed January 30th, 2007 in a letter addressed to Mr. Paul Kennedy, Chairman at the PCC at the time. Copy of this letter was also sent to you in a letter dated February 7, 2007, as well as to the Minister of Justice at the time, Rob Nicholson, in a letter dated February 8, 2007.

The fact of seeing that no one ever cared to examine the related evidence is one thing that I had almost come to accept, after realizing that nobody seems to be willing to believe the fact that the RCMP had extensively lied about Cpl. Flanagan's death.

However, it became quite another matter, when the Attorney General of Canada dared attacking my credibility and integrity, by persistently stating that I, Mr. Alain Olivier, was lying with regard to the circumstances surrounding to Cpl. Derek Flanagan's death. It did trouble me very much Mr. Prime Minister and as a result of this, I've taken the necessary steps to insure the truth would come out.

If there's one thing you should know Mr. Prime Minister, it is that before anyone could come up and jump to conclusion there is a crucial and most important requirement to fulfill at all time. It is called; looking at the content of all the evidence in a fair and judicious manner.

Derek Flanagan wasn't anybody, Mr. Prime Minister. He was an officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who died under very nebulous circumstances during the course of an illicit operation in Thailand. As an officer of the state, he deserved a minimum of respect. Although giving him civic funerals may have conveyed an appearance of respect, remains the fact that real respect resides within the truth.

In the present case, not only was the Canadian public lied to, but more importantly, Cpl. Derek Flanagan's family.

Consequently, I am taking the time to write you and reiterate my earlier request (January 2007) to use you discretionary power at insuring that all necessary steps will be taken to insure the truth will be made about RCMP Cpl. Derek Flanagan's death, even if this meant the inception of a public inquiry.

If there is one thing that I've learned over the years, Mr. Prime Minister, is that the greatest advantage of speaking the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said...

Last, but not least Mr. Prime Minister, I hope you will carefully consider my request and that you will not make the error to believe there is no evidence to support the present demand.

Some seventy years ago, Mahatma Gandhi said that what makes great countries and great leaders is the way they treat their people, namely with respect.

Thank you for you time Mr. Prime Minister and hopefully, you will take the proper decision this time around.

Sincerely

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NB: A document has been put together in relation with the circumstances surrounding the death of Cpl. Derek Flanagan in Thailand. What is hard to comprehend is the fact that it contains close to 140 pages of clear lies, false statements, contradictions and perjuries. Ironically, it all directly comes from official RCMP member's testimonies and documents. And it is only a summary of the facts.

If you wish looking at the said document, don't you worry; because, it will be sent to you, as well as to your Minister of Justice and your Minister of Public Safety when the time will be deemed as appropriate.

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