

Re: RCMP Cpl. Derek Flanagan's death

Montreal, September 18, 2012

Att: The Honourable Rob Nicholson
Canadian Minister of Justice
Chamber of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
Canada, K1A-OP6

Subject: Request for a Public Inquiry

Mr. Minister

This is a follow up to my letter to your attention dated February 1, 2007, written in reference to my request at the PCC for a complete review of the events surrounding RCMP Cpl. Derek Flanagan's death.

At the time, I informed you of the fact that the RCMP had lied extensively about the events surrounding Cpl. Derek Flanagan's death in Thailand, February 19, 1989. Considering how serious the aforementioned matter is, as many other Canadian citizens, I felt that you would intervene and use your discretionary power to insure all the truth would be made, but you didn't. Furthermore, it would seem that you didn't even care taking cognizance of the related evidence.

After realizing that you, as well as Prime Minister Harper, didn't care about the truth, I had almost decided to let it all go. Your refusal to act is something I could live with, but the Attorney General did cross the line and made a serious mistake, when he decided attacking me, my integrity and credibility.

The fact of having the Attorney General repeatedly and falsely accusing me of lying about my version of the events, instead of looking at the evidence, was the wrong thing to do Mr. Minister. When I claim that members of the RCMP are lying about the events surrounding the death of their colleague, do you really think for one minute that I would make such allegation, without having all the necessary evidence to corroborate my position? As Minister of Justice, you should know better than this.

Consequently, I am taking the time to write you Mr. Minister and by doing so, I wish to reiterate my earlier request (February 1, 2007) to use your 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.

Under section 24(1) of the RCMP ACT;

(Quote) Board of Inquiry

The Minister or the Commissioner may appoint such person as the Minister or Commissioner considers appropriate as a board of inquiry to investigate and report on any matter connected to organization training, conduct, performance of duties, discipline, efficiency, administration or government of the Force or affecting any member or other person appointed or employed under the authority of this Act.

The content of the Act makes it clear that you do indeed have the necessary power to institute a public inquiry. Although you do have the power to do such thing, will you have the necessary courage and honesty to do so?

Derek Flanagan was an officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted police and as such, the minimum of respect due to him and foremost, his family and the public would be allowing them to know the truth and nothing but the truth.

If you're interested knowing the truth, a document has been prepared in that regard and will be made available to you when the time will be deemed proper.

As I mentioned to Prime Minister Harper in my letter to his attention; if there is one thing that I've learned over the years, it is that the greatest advantage of speaking the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said...

Thank you for your time and attention in this present matter Mr. Minister. If anything, do not wait to act.

Sincerely

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