

**COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS  
RE: PASSING OF CLIFFORD GEORGE**

- **GOOD MORNING.**
  
- **THIS MORNING'S SESSION CANNOT BEGIN WITHOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THE ABSENCE OF CLIFFORD GEORGE**
  
- **IT WAS WITH SADNESS THAT THE COMMISSION LEARNED THAT CLIFFORD PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 30.**
  
- **OVER THE LAST YEAR, THE COMMISSION AND INDEED, ALL PARTIES TO THIS INQUIRY, CAME TO KNOW AND TO APPRECIATE CLIFFORD GEORGE.**
  
- **I BELIEVE I CAN SPEAK ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE WHEN I EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO BOTH THE SUBSTANCE AND THE PROCESS OF THIS INQUIRY.**
  
- **CLIFFORD CONTRIBUTED TO THE INQUIRY, IN A VERY PUBLIC WAY, THROUGH THE RECOUNTING OF HIS LIFE EXPERIENCE IN CANADA AND OVERSEAS. PERHAPS AS SIGNIFICANTLY, WAS A MORE QUIET CONTRIBUTION BY WAY OF THE FORTITUDE AND GRACE THAT OBVIOUSLY GUIDED HIM THROUGH HIS LIFE AND THROUGH THESE EXPERIENCES.**
  
- **I KNOW THAT CLIFFORD'S PASSING LEAVES A LARGE HOLE IN THE LIVES OF HIS FAMILY AND HIS COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN EXPRESS MY PERSONAL CONDOLENCES AND THE CONDOLENCES OF EVERYONE WORKING FOR THE COMMISSION TO HIS FAMILY AND TO THE COMMUNITY.**

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