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Chief Jack Ackroyd,
Metropolitan Toronto Police,
590 Jarvis Street,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Chief Ackroyd:

Re: Work of P.C. Wendy Leaver

Since we met earlier in the year the work of this inquiry has become more firmly established and active research has started in most of its main components. This note is a progress report to you about the work of Constable Wendy Leaver.

Since joining this inquiry Constable Leaver has been involved in the following activities.

- (1) Development of a research protocol to obtain information on victims and offenders from police general occurrence forms. This protocol includes social, agency, medical and legal information in addition to police handling of these cases. It will provide a firm basis to document the cases of sexual abuse known to the police.
- (2) Pretesting of the research protocol drawing upon 1979 records of your Force, and making revisions.
- (3) Meetings with the Executive Committee of Youth Officers of Ontario, the Staff of the Ontario Police Commission, several family court judges and a number of other community services.
- (4) Development of a research protocol to obtain information from juvenile prostitutes and interviews with a number of these.
- (5) An extensive review of known research for Canada relating to the above issues.

In the course of this inquiry's work, contact has now been made with: (1) the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police; (2) the Chiefs or Senior Officers of St. John's, Newfoundland, Charlottetown, Fredericton, Halifax, Montreal, Winnipeg, Regina, Dartmouth, Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary; (3) an address to the

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Annual Meeting of the Provincial Commissioners of Police; (4) the Ontario Police Commission; (5) discussion of liaison with the Chairman of the Committee of Youth Officers (Deputy Chief E. Madsen of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police; (6) the Correctional Service of Canada, the National Parole Board and all provincial correctional services.

During the next several months Constable Leaver's work will include the following:

- (1) Site visits to approximately 20 police forces across Canada (approximately 12 in Ontario arranged by the Ontario Police Commission and to provincial capitals (about 9-10 forces).
- (2) On each visit Constable Leaver will be obtaining information on:
 - (i) sexual offences using the research protocol for general occurrence research which has been developed
 - (ii) juvenile prostitution
 - (iii) identifying for special documentation cases of incest and pedophilia
 - (iv) identifying police force strategies in dealing with these issues
 - (v) establishing the basis for a later survey of Youth Officers concerning the problems involved in inter-agency co-operation and enforcement.

I am not in a position to comment upon Constable Leaver's work as a policewoman. However, in the course of my work over 20 years, I have worked with a fairly broad range of persons. Based on this experience I judge Constable Leaver to be an extremely competent individual who has strong leadership capabilities. For this inquiry she has worked with lawyers, social workers, physicians and statisticians. She has an unusual capacity to integrate and co-ordinate what is relevant from other disciplines. As a colleague she establishes a firm sense of team spirit. I regard her work highly.

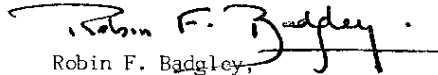
Constable Leaver's secondment to this inquiry was for one year extending to about June, 1982. In terms of the work to be done, and the high level of co-operation received involving about 20 forces, I would like to ask about the possibility that this leave-of-absence be extended for a period of six to eight months. In raising this I would not want to jeopardize Constable Leaver's opportunities for promotion in your Force.

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Should you wish I would be pleased to give you and Superintendent Bamlett a personal briefing on the work of this inquiry. On behalf of my colleagues on the SOAC Committee, our thanks for allowing us to benefit from the work of one of your capable colleagues. As a person who has not before been familiar with police work, I have gained personally a great deal of respect for them.

Yours very truly,



Robin F. Badgley,
Chairman.

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✓ c.c. Superintendent R. Bamlett