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**ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE DONALD MARSHALL, JR., PROSECUTION**

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MR. JUSTICE GREGORY THOMAS EVANS  
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October 27, 1987

Mrs. Carson J. McColl  
RR#1  
Apsley, Ontario K0L 1A0

Dear Mrs. McColl:

Mr. Justice Evans has received your letter of October 10th, 1987 and has asked me to respond.

You are right in saying that the Royal Commission on the Donald Marshall, Jr., Prosecution may have implications reaching far beyond the "Marshall case" as such. Issues relating to the criminal justice system are extremely important. While our mandate cannot be stretched to cover your situation, please be assured that comments such as yours are helpful to us in putting a broader perspective on the possible impact of our Inquiry.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours very truly,

Susan M. Ashley,  
Commission Executive  
Secretary

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Mr. Justice Gregory Evans  
Donald Marshall Inquiry  
Sydney, Nova Scotia

Sir:

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When we wrote a letter of complaint to Commissioner Ferguson, a Detective-Sgt. from Peterborough was sent to investigate and, months later, the constable was sent north to Minaki. Mind you, he was an armed man who threatened us while wearing a gun and him a tall, muscular man much bigger and younger than my husband and with all the authority of a police uniform; and that's what I don't understand - why is he allowed to wear that uniform when he's done wrong?

We complained to the Ombudsman about Sgt. Welton and heard shortly after that he was being transferred to Lindsay - with a promotion! My husband says that the police have a strong union and that the main thing is that he was transferred out of Apsley.

My husband's sister had gone off the deep end years ago and, when Carson and I got married 2½ years ago, the last screw must have come loose because she went to the Peterborough and Apsley cop-shops with her son - who is a janitor at the Peterboro police station - and said that my husband was a thief. Her son and Welton were friends who shared the hobby of gun collecting and apparently had some idea of turning this old rocky, sandy farm into real estate; Welton solicited business for his wife, a realtor, amongst the cottagers while he was in uniform.

The day Constable Hale and Sgt. Welton invaded our home after being told it wasn't convenient for us to see them that day, I had to call our lawyer out of fear for our safety.

Welton kept saying to Carson that he should meet with his sister; now, why would he put pressure like that on us when we were all - Carson and me, his brother and his wife, his sister and his mother - receiving crank phone calls from the woman my husband calls his "ex-sister" and her son, which the police refused to do anything about!

We called the telephone company for help and, although they came through for us, said that it was a police matter and should have been taken care of by them.

When Hale and Welton came here they had no "reasonable or probable grounds" to accuse Carson of anything. As his wife, I know how many faults he has, but dishonesty isn't one of them. The police came here to bully us into submission so that we would do or say anything they wanted - AND THEY GOT AWAY WITH IT!

Constable Hale actually went to the rest home and HARRASSED my 80-year old mother-in-law, and then to her apartment so that he could leave Carson's sister in tears and upset his brother who had had a heart attack, all with the aim of trying to get something on Carson because - as Hale told us himself - "Ever since I was a little boy I've wanted a farm like this."

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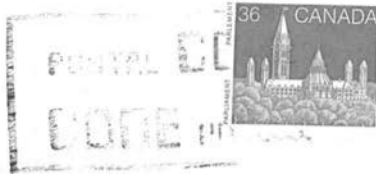
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marilyn McColl".

Mrs. Carson J. McColl



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