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Dear Mr. Sheppard:

Thank you for your letter which was received in this office on December 24th, 1987. As you may know, the Commission has undertaken several research projects which will look into matters relating to the police and also to the representation of minority groups in police departments and elsewhere in Nova Scotia. I have forwarded your letter to our Director of Research with the instruction that he make your concern known to our researchers. I anticipate that they will be able to look into the situation that you have described, and I thank you very much for taking the time to tell us of your concerns.

Yours very truly,

Susan M. Ashley  
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cc: John E. S. Briggs,  
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The lack of justice in Nova Scotia for Indian/Blacks (minorities) is not limited to the Cape Breton area of this province, nor the Sydney police department. As a black person residing in Halifax for fourteen years, I know all-to-well the harassment and limitations, placed on black people by city police. In 1978 I applied to the Atlantic Police Academy in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island: Passed tests and was told by one Inspector Swim that "I would make a good police officer, and passed the tests with flying colors". However, one Inspector Cuthbert of the Halifax City Police Department had other plans that would limit black enrollment, basically a quota system. \*This particular case is well documented with the NS/PEI Human Rights Commissions.

I would like the opportunity to express this grave injustice to the Royal Commission, I feel this case and others will shed light on how the system works against minorities in the province of Nova Scotia.

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*Raymond Sheppard*