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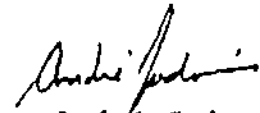
Dear professor Stuart,

I have read the brief which you intend to present to the Parliamentary Committee on Codification. I wish to express my strong support for your proposals. I agree, in substance, with your idea of what the general part of the criminal law should contain, and how it should be drafted. I particularly support your position that there should be no preamble to a new criminal code, the code itself (and above it, the Charter) being a complete statement of the principles which should guide the interpretation of the rules of criminal law.

There may be a few points that are not touched upon by your brief, and on which I reserve my opinion. As I have told you, I feel that the principles of punishment should be dealt with in the General Part of the criminal law; there are other minor points which I might also like to raise. These questions notwithstanding, I have no difficulty in subscribing to the very coherent view of the criminal law which your brief describes.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion and beg to remain

Yours sincerely,



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