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Dear Mr. Lareau:

Thank you for your letter and enclosures of October 27, 1997, and your letters of December 26, 1997, and February 10, 1998, concerning the consultation process on the *Proposals to amend the Criminal Code (general principles)*. I apologize for the delay in responding.

I am enclosing, for your information, a booklet entitled *Papers prepared for the Department of Justice in response to the White Paper, "Proposals to Amend the Criminal Code (General Principles)"* and a copy of the French language version of the same booklet.

While the Department of Justice, at the direction of my predecessor, the Honourable Allan Rock, conducted consultations on the reform of the General Part of the *Criminal Code*, it is my not intention to undertake a comprehensive recodification of the General Part. Instead, I propose to focus our energies in consulting on a limited number of issues of public concern and importance within the General Part. I will soon be starting consultations on possible reforms to the law of self-defence, provocation and the defence of property, bearing in mind the recommendations for reform made in the Ratushny Report.

These are key policy issues that need to be reviewed and I hope that we may have the benefit of your comments at the appropriate time.

Again, thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. Anne McLellan".

A. Anne McLellan

Enclosures: (2)

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