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Subject: Report -- independent review

Mr. MacKay:

I am concerned that the law is not followed and that an important report has not been tabled in the House and made public.

As you probably know, after the Somalia Inquiry report of 1997, Parliament adopted "An Act to amend the National Defence Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts" (Statutes of Canada, 1998, chapter 35, *http://www2.parl.gc.ca/content/hoc/Bills/361/Government/C-25/C-25_4/C-25_4.pdf -- Bill C-25 at the time). This important Act includes the establishment of the Military Police Complaints Commission.

Under s. 96 of that Act, a report must be tabled in the House of Commons every five years. That section reads as follows:

"Review

96. (1) The Minister shall cause an independent review of the provisions and operation of this Act to be undertaken from time to time.

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(2) The Minister shall cause the report on a review conducted under subsection (1) to be laid before each House of Parliament within five years after the day on which this Act is assented to, and within every five year period following the tabling of a report under this subsection."

The Act was assented to 10th December 1998. A report was tabled in the House of Commons on 5 November 2003 ("Journals", 5 November 2003, p. 1236,

*<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/content/hoc/House/372/Journals/151/151Votes.PDF>)

No other report has been tabled since.

Sincerely,

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