

Subject: Minister not following the law

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Good morning!

I wish to bring to your attention a matter which is of importance and which you may willfully be blind to.

About two months ago I wrote to the Minister of National Defence to inform him that "An Act to amend the National Defence Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts", Statutes of Canada 1998, chapter 35, s. 96(2) was not being followed by him.

I would have thought that if a citizen alleges that the Minister is not following the law that it would receive prompt attention from his staff. After no reply to my allegation, I have concluded that some elements of his staff are hiding some important information from Canadians and are not honest.

On 5 November 2003, the Minister of National Defence tabled in the House of Commons a first independent review of important provisions of the "National Defence Act"; on this report written by Mr. Justice Lamer, see <http://www.forces.gc.ca/site/reports-rapports/review/index-eng.asp>. The second report was due five years later in 2008. As this second report would no doubt have looked at the work of the Military Police Complaints Commission and the matter of torture of //// Afghan prisoners, I concluded that there was a conspiracy not to follow the law. To hide the wilfull omission, it was decided in Bill C-41 tabled in June 2010 to repeal subsection 96(2).

I hope that you realize the seriousness of the matter and that you will take corrective action. I think that as a minimum Canadians deserve to be informed of the deceit. When I think that Canadian soldiers are dying obeying lawful orders but that their leaders are not capable of following the rule of law, I feel obliged as an ex-officer to say that the situation is not acceptable.

Sincerely,

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