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Dear Mr. Lévesque:

RE: FRENCH AND ENGLISH BEFORE CANADIAN COURTS

This is further to your letter of August 30, 1996. I would like to thank you for your inquiry into Alberta's position regarding the recommendations of the study by the Official Languages Commission entitled "The Equitable Use of French and English Before Canadian Courts".

As you are probably aware, the recommendations of the study concern amendments to the *Criminal Code* and other matters on which action by the federal government is recommended. While French language hearings are quite infrequent in Alberta, I would like to assure your organization that the court system in Alberta is able to offer French language services for criminal code matters where required.

Yours truly,



Neil McCrank
Deputy Minister of Justice
and Deputy Attorney General