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Ms. Rose-Marie Ur, M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Rose-Marie!
Dear Ms. Ur:

Thank you for your correspondence, and enclosures, concerning events near Camp Ipperwash, and the question of responsibilities for policing in the area.

Please allow me to confirm, as I have remarked in our previous correspondence, that the Province of Ontario and police forces operating under its authority are responsible for the police response to criminal acts at Camp Ipperwash, or elsewhere in the Province of Ontario. This includes the circumstances described in your letter of July 22, 1996, in which persons who are not members of the military are alleged to have committed criminal acts near or on the establishment of Camp Ipperwash. I note that the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces understand and recognize that the Ontario Provincial Police has responsibility for exercising law enforcement activities at Camp Ipperwash. Any complaints should therefore be registered with the local police detachment. I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the Honourable Robert Runciman, Solicitor General of Ontario, for his consideration.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police might only become involved in such investigations at the request of the Ontario Provincial Police or other police service of local jurisdiction.

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I trust that the above addresses your questions and concerns, and I wish to thank you for continuing to keep me informed about these events.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Herb Gray". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

THE HON. HERB GRAY, M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable David M. Collenette, P.C., M.P.
Minister of National Defence

The Honourable Ron Irwin, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

The Honourable Robert Runciman
Solicitor General and Minister of Correctional Services of Ontario

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