

We are well aware of the excellent report given to the Department of the Solicitor-General by Dr. Martin Friedland in which gun registration per se is correctly designated as extreme, impractical and excessively-costly. We are aware that the Solicitor-General himself has over and over emphasized that Bill C-83 is not a scheme of gun registration. We are also aware that nothing in Bill C-83 specifically requires gun registration.

The Alberta Fish and Game Association and its members, however, are mindful of the provisions of Section 106.1 of Bill C-83, particularly sub-sections 3(a) and (4) which state:

"An application for a licence shall include such information and documentation as is prescribed by the regulations to be information and documentation required to be included in an application for a licence;"

"A local registrar of firearms or a licencing officer to whom an application for a licence is made may require the applicant to submit such further information and documentation in addition to that included in and with the application as may reasonably be regarded as relevant for the purpose of determining whether the applicant is not unfit to be in possession of firearms or ammunition."

What concerns our members is that these two sub-sections clearly could provide the authority for either the Cabinet or a local registrar of firearms or a licencing officer to require an applicant for a licence to disclose details of his entire collection of firearms as a part of the application for and as a condition of being granted a licence. On the basis of the word given us by this present government, that result certainly is not the intention of this present government. But firearms owners in this country have to be concerned with the intentions of future