

so as to remove any doubt that there has been a cover up, thus insulting the intelligence of Canadians who can clearly distinguish between innuendo and improper or illegal conduct?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned yesterday, it is against a long tradition to publish or issue copies of police reports. Not only might this hurt some of the people who were investigated in this case but also many people who made the allegations outside the House and elsewhere. So I do not think we can release the entire police report, but I am looking at the possibility of releasing the conclusions, the terms of reference and certain parts of the report. I am studying that right now.

Mr. Nowlan: I appreciate part of that answer, Mr. Speaker. Since the Minister of Labour was shown the interim report of the SIU investigation, has he been shown the final report, and, if so, can the minister assure us that any other member who is mentioned in the report will be sent a personally autographed and confidential copy of the report?

Mr. Allmand: No other minister has seen a copy of the report until this time, neither the Minister of Labour nor anyone else.

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[Translation]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

SUGGESTION MR. LEMAY RELEASED BEFORE EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE

Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Lafontaine-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Solicitor General.

According to a Montreal daily, Mr. Georges Lemay, well known by the police authorities, would have been released after serving only two of his eight-year sentence. Can the minister tell us whether this information is true and whether Mr. Lemay has enjoyed preferential treatment from the National Parole Board?

[English]

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): No, Mr. Speaker. I read that story, it was incorrect. Mr. Lemay was only released after five years, after the full term of his sentence had run out in accordance with the law and, as the story points out, he has now been arrested on another charge. He has served five years, and when he was released it was not on parole but on the termination of his sentence.

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[Translation]

AIR CANADA

POSSIBILITY OF LAY-OFFS AT CHARLES DE GAULLE AIRPORT—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I want to put a question to the Minister of Transport.

Oral Questions

My question relates to Air Canada's activities. The authorities of Air Canada-France having apparently decided, on April 3, on the advice of Mr. G. Chiasson, to lay off 82 per cent of Air Canada's personnel at Charles de Gaulle airport and assign their duties to another air company, is the minister assured that the regular procedure provided by French law has been followed in the proposed dismissal of such a great number of employees of Air Canada in France, and can he assure the House that all the necessary arrangements will be made to preserve the job security of these employees of Air Canada?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): My good friend from Saint-Hyacinthe should know that I have so much trouble understanding and enforcing Canadian legislation, that if he asks me whether I am satisfied that French legislation is enforced in France, I cannot tell him—

Mr. Wagner: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

I know the Minister of Transport has a persistent humour. However, it seems to me that this is an extremely serious question, which concerns Air Canada personnel, and, under the circumstances, if he is not aware, would he accept to tell the House tomorrow, if possible, whether it is true that 82 per cent of Air Canada personnel at Charles de Gaulle Airport must be laid off?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): The question seems very reasonable to me, Mr. Speaker, and I will try to get a report as soon as possible. However, whether this stems from implementation of French legislation, I do not know.

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[English]

INDUSTRY

AUTOMOBILES—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE CANADA WILL SHARE IN INVESTMENT PLANS OF FORD AND GENERAL MOTORS

Mr. Max Saltzman (Waterloo-Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address my question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It is in regard to an announcement that the Ford Motor Company plans to invest \$2 billion in the manufacture of small cars over the next number of years. I would like to ask the minister whether he has been in touch with the Ford Motor Company and whether he has received assurances that Canada get a fair share of that investment.

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, we are frequently in contact with the senior officers of the Ford Motor Company. I am not in a position at the moment to say that there has been any discussion of the details of the program to which the hon. member refers, but I can assure him that, given this information, I will make it clear to him that we would expect the participation of Canada in the program.

Mr. Saltzman: Is it the intention of the minister to make a definite inquiry of the Ford Motor Company as to the percentage of investment and the job training oppor-