

not be called upon to answer questions, the answers to which should be protected. We hope that parliament will appreciate our situation and accord to the trustees the right to discriminate between those topics into which the inquiry might be injurious to our work or improper and those which can be freely discussed.

There is, however, one matter we wish to deal with now. One or more members of parliament have stated that there is a "suspicion" that the trustees have made a "deal" with Mr. Paul Hall regarding the presidency of the S.I.U. of Canada. We made it clear by public announcement on April 3, 1963, that we had made an agreement with Mr. Hall and equally publicly we stated the obligations we thereby incurred. The text was, we understand, tabled in the house by you. We have made no other arrangement or "deal" with Mr. Hall.

Further, we believe that in order to carry out this task we need, and, as long as we hold this position, are entitled to, the confidence of the government and of parliament.

Yours truly,

Victor L. Dryer,
Chairman.

VLD/jbd

Ottawa 4, August 7th, 1964.

Dear Mr. Justice Dryer:

Your letter dated July 31 arrived in the department yesterday. I want to thank you for the observations you have made regarding the proposal that the trustees appear

before a parliamentary committee. You have set out the views of yourself and your colleagues regarding this proposal both clearly and thoughtfully.

I am pleased to note your readiness to meet with a parliamentary committee. While I understand the concern you express, I am still of the opinion that a discussion with a parliamentary committee would prove valuable both to the members of the House of Commons and to the trustees.

The government appreciates your point of view that an appearance before a parliamentary committee should be arranged later in the session.

We have also considered the reasons you have set forth for distinguishing between those topics which might be freely discussed and those concerning which the disclosure of information would in your view be improper or detrimental to carrying out your responsibilities under the legislation. This distinction is a valid one and is fully supported by the government.

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter may I assure you, as I stated in the House of Commons on Tuesday of this week, that the board of trustees has the full confidence of the government of Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Allan J. MacEachen.

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