

...Any individual who commits terrorist acts in countries which have democratic Governments should be returned to those nations....All terrorists who commit crimes against innocent civilians, such as airplane hijackers, should be returned to those countries to face justice.<sup>6</sup>

Progressive Conservative Party Member Geoff Scott expressed his sympathies to the families who suffered losses in the Lockerbie tragedy in December 1988, and asked the Department of External Affairs to "keep us posted on the international intrigue surrounding the disintegration of Flight 103" since Canadian citizens were involved.<sup>7</sup>

The hostage-taking incident on Parliament Hill in April 1989 sparked comment by several Parliamentary Members. Mr. Nunziata expressed concerns about the timing of the information relayed to the RCMP:

The hijacking incident on Friday raises some very serious questions about national security and the ability of our policy forces to respond quickly, effectively, and co-operatively with respect to acts of terrorism.<sup>8</sup>

Solicitor General Pierre Blais responded by congratulating the RCMP on its effective and quick reaction to the situation and assured Mr. Nunziata, as well as other Members who had commented on the lack of communication between various police units, that a full review was to be conducted into the handling of the incident.

In June 1989, the fourth anniversary of the Air India crash provoked renewed comment from Liberal Party Member John Nunziata. He questioned why little was being done by the Government to investigate the circumstances surrounding the downing of the aircraft, and whether it was not necessary to undertake a royal commission of inquiry. Solicitor General Pierre Blais noted that the RCMP was still conducting a criminal investigation and added:

Obviously it is most unfortunate. Many people died. This type of investigation takes a lot of time to get all the facts...We must let the RCMP continue this investigation. It has committed all the available energy and resources required for this purpose.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>6</sup> *Commons Debates*, 27 September 1988, pp. 19719-20.

<sup>7</sup> *Commons Debates*, 23 December 1988, p. 713-4.

<sup>8</sup> *Commons Debates*, 10 April 1989, p. 283.

<sup>9</sup> *Commons Debates*, 22 June 1989, p. 3526.