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PERJURY CHARGES AGAINST MICHAEL DEAVER

The Department of External Affairs noted today that the U.S. Grand Jury has confirmed that charges of perjury against Mr. Michael Deaver in no way involve any breach of ethics law or any other law pertaining to any activities undertaken by Mr. Deaver when he was under contract to Canada.

The conclusions established clearly that the Canadian Government's conduct was at all times correct and consistent with the established, approved norms of diplomatic behaviour.

The Department notes in particular that even the allegations of perjury as they relate to acid rain are not in connection with anything Mr. Deaver did while under contract for Canada. Other perjury charges are pursuant to or are related to Mr. Deaver's activities on behalf of other clients.

The Department makes no comment on the Grand Jury charges against Mr. Deaver. This is a matter involving the United States judicial process and a U.S. citizen. It would be improper for the Government of Canada to make any observation thereon.

Representatives of the Canadian Government fully cooperated with the work of the Independent Counsel in a manner consistent with standard diplomatic practice.