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Dear Commissioner

Thank you for your letter dated 17.06.1999. We are very pleased that the Agreement between the European Communities and the Government of Canada regarding the application of our respective competition laws has now been completed. The interpretative and other statements included in your letter are consistent with our understanding of the Agreement.

I would also like to confirm that, with respect to the application of Article XI, and for greater certainty, no information may be exchanged by Canada pursuant to this agreement which could not have been exchanged in the absence of this agreement. I would ask that you confirm your understanding to this effect by return letter.

We look forward to continuing and furthering our relationship of competition law cooperation as reflected in the Agreement and in our mutual conduct to date.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Konrad von Finckenstein
Commissioner of Competition