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Dear Sir:

This letter concerns the report that you submitted to the Government on the emergency situation in Africa, the recommendations of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence that reviewed the report, and the conversations that I have had with the Secretary of State on the continuation of your office's operations.

First, let me thank you on behalf of the Government for all you have done in recent months in the area of Canadian aid to Ethiopia and drought-stricken African countries. You have done a remarkable job of mobilizing Canadian public opinion with respect to the African famine and of coordinating the activities of the voluntary organizations.

As you know, the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence has recommended extending your mandate, and the purpose of this letter is to invite you to continue as coordinator. This would entail a period of activities until December 31, 1985, and a further period of three months (to March 31, 1986), will be allowed for the preparation of the various reports and the integration of your office's operations into the programs of existing agencies.

Your mandate during the new term would be as follows:

Under the authority of the Minister for External Relations and in close cooperation with the President of the Canadian International Development Agency:

- ° Advise the Government on all measures to be taken regarding the situation in Africa and the nature of the emergency assistance to be provided to drought-stricken countries.