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CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
TO PLAINTIFFS IN CIA CASE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today sent cheques totalling \$180,000 to the nine plaintiffs suing the U.S. Government for funding experimental treatment without their knowledge.

In the 1950's and early 60's the Central Intelligence Agency funded experimental treatment on Canadians at the Allan Memorial Institute in Montreal. For ten years, these people have sought redress through legal action in the U.S. The Canadian Government has been sympathetic to their plight and recognizes the need for financial assistance to pursue their case.

Mr. Clark has raised the matter on several occasions with the U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. The Government has also assisted in the legal proceedings by providing documents and making available an official to give testimony.

Mr. Clark said, "To date, this Government has supported their case through diplomatic channels; today it has sent each of them a \$20,000 grant. This money is offered to help cover their legal expenses and is also a mark of our continuing support".

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