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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS

April 5, 1966.

Mr. Gérald Laniel, M.P.,
Chairman,
Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs,
Room 472, West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Laniel:

Further to our recent telephone conversation and your discussion with the Minister a few days ago, this is to advise that the Committee to Survey the Organization and Work of the Canadian Pension Commission has scheduled additional hearings this month and expects to hear representations from a variety of groups including several M.P.'s on Wednesday and Thursday, April 13 and 14, and on Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21.

I am advised that besides one or two groups who wish to make representations additional to those made earlier to the Committee, there are several others who have indicated only recently that they too wish to be heard.

In addition to this, I understand the Committee itself has decided to Call one or two groups and, as a consequence, are unable at this time to say exactly when they intend to conclude all hearings.

Sincerely,

Peter B. Curd, Executive Assistant

The Chairman: I wanted this letter to be read to the Committee, for the main reason that this will affect our work. I do not know how soon we can get that report but I think it is one thing we should look forward to that study of the general administration and organization of the Canadian Pension Commission. And it will also affect the studies of our estimates because some of the points that will be raised on the estimates will certainly come back when we look at that report.

We also received letters from the Hong Kong Veterans' Representatives concerning this morning's meeting so I wanted to have them read to you so you will know the interest they take in our meetings.