

APPENDIX 'PUBL-1'

Treasury Board of Canada
Secretariat

Ottawa, Canada
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February 22, 1984

Mr. Doug Lewis
Chairman
Public Account Committee
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

Subject: Committee Hearing
February 21, 1984

1. At the Committee hearing on the morning of February 21, 1984 I undertook to clarify two Treasury Board decisions.
2. I can confirm that in a letter to the Department of Public Works on February 10, 1982 DPW was instructed to issue forthwith an omnibus tender call for all foreseeable major government space needs in the National Capital Region, including those of National Defence; Public Archives; Finance, Treasury Board and OCG; Energy, Mines and Resources; and the new Security Organization.
3. Concerning the Treasury Board approval in June, 1983 for the lease of Centennial Towers, the decision letter contains the notation that the main occupant would likely be elements from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and that December 1, 1983 is the lease commencement date.
4. In my opinion, Treasury Board provided authority for DPW to enter into the lease but did not direct them to do so.

(Original signed by)

P. Meyboom,
Deputy Secretary,
Administrative Policy Branch.