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August 18, 2010

The Honourable Rich Coleman
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Dear Minister:

**Re: Release of Vancouver Police Department and RCMP Reviews of
Pickton Investigations**

We are in receipt of your correspondence, directed to myself and to Chief Constable Jim Chu, and dated August 16, 2010.

Further to our meeting with the Deputy Solicitor General Mr. David Morhart and Assistant Deputy Minister Kevin Begg on August 12, 2010, I wish to assure you that the RCMP will not publicly release our internal review report, until Cabinet has reviewed same and we have received further direction.

Yours sincerely,


Gary D. Bass, O.O.M.
Deputy Commissioner - Pacific Region &
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cc: Chief Constable Jim Chu,
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Bass and Chief Constable Chu:

Release of Vancouver Police Department (VPD) and RCMP reviews of Pickton investigations

I acknowledge receipt of the VPD and RCMP internal review reports on their investigations respecting the above.

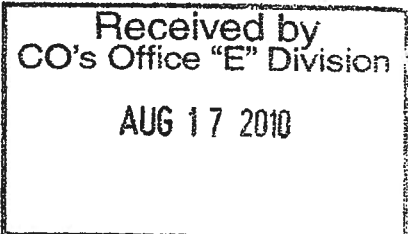
I ask that the VPD and RCMP not release their reports publicly until Cabinet has had the opportunity, after a careful review of the reports' contents, to decide what steps will be taken in light of the reports and the surrounding circumstances.

I anticipate that, as previously indicated by the Honourable Michael de Jong, Attorney General and Solicitor General, Cabinet will be in a position to consider the matter at its next meeting.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rich Coleman', written over a horizontal line.

Rich Coleman
Acting Minister of Public Safety
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As per our discussion – notes attached.

Many thanks,

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Notes

- History of not sharing the report
- Multiple interviews requested and I will keep giving my main messages: the VPD should have done better, but the RCMP led the Pickton investigation and the info justified a more aggressive and sustained investigation
- There will be a second wave once the more serious journalists review.
- Gazette is out there 7,500 copies perpetuating the "strategy" of denying the Coquitlam RCMP investigation
- Gary S and Russ likely don't know anything about what happened pre-Evenhanded re them reviewing my report
- Connor, Yurkiw and Zalys know the most from Coquitlam, and Yurkiw/Zalys say RCMP should have done better and it looks like Connor thinks that way as well from the history
- Yurkiw said after reading my report that if only they'd had the information the way I organized it, "it was clear they could have solved it, just needed a sgt in charge and a to do list"

Paul's advice

- The RCMP can NOT debate its way out of it, can't win, even if the arguments are logical because the media doesn't care, just wants conflict: "RCMP and VPD hate each other"
- Unless you come out together with us, you have to criticize us, which will just keep it alive. That's what Coleman did with his jabs at me, saying "this is just one officer in the VPD saying this." He should take a more neutral stance and stop shooting the messenger or he adds fuel to the fire and discredits himself when he clearly hadn't read it.
- Defuse by thanking us for doing this work, admit the mistakes and say you'll take every measure to eliminate in the future, and have
- Otherwise, the story will NEVER end. Any debate is just "starter fuel" for the fire

- They don't care about the facts, just the spectacle.
- There are MANY stories within the story that they can keep this alive with, just like the Leah Best story that just came out "I gave the info to the BBY RCMP"
- All the stories will circle back to: "it could have been solved earlier"
- Conclusion will be, "none of us are safe because the RCMP and municipal police don't get along"
- We have been complimentary and it will defuse things if you do the same.
- Rossmo and Kines are all over the media crediting the report as exhaustive and compelling
- Other academics will weigh in as well