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Superintendent Andrew Boland
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Dear Superintendent Boland:

Re: Donald Dunphy – Fatal Shooting

In early April of 2015, I was engaged by the RCMP to observe all circumstances surrounding the above noted incident. This I did over the last nine months.

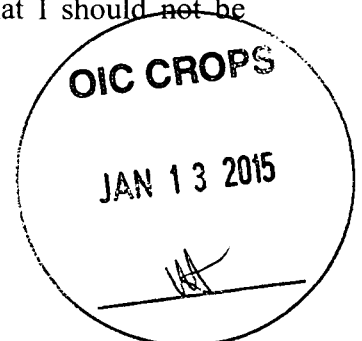
This matter took considerable time and effort. In fact it had been with me about every day since April trying to discover what may have happened here.

I spent a lot of time during October and November extracting relevant evidence as I saw it to prepare a report for you. Then in December I received a Use of Force Report by the RCMP of RNC procedures.

I had a lot of difficulty having to deal with the evidence as provided as it came at varying times. Also I had to deal with the conclusions made by some RCMP officers based on what they accepted as fact (mostly the statement made by Smyth). There has been no critical analysis made of the evidence they collected and I am precluded from questioning the witnesses.

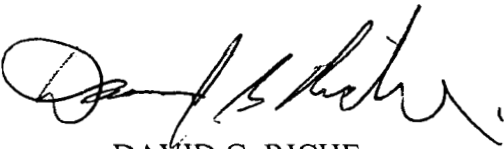
It is most unfortunate that this matter has taken so long and has consumed so many hours of work. It has been difficult for me as I would like to have matter completed. No doubt an inquiry will be needed so that all witnesses can be questioned.

I find that to get all the answers as I would like it is impossible because I am not doing an investigation. That is your job. In fact, one of your members told me that I should not be investigating but just observing.



I trust I have fulfilled my mandate.

Yours truly,



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