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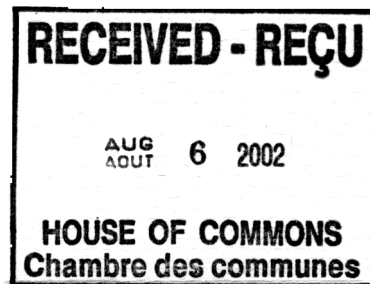
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July 29, 2002

Mr. Dennis Young
Parliamentary Assistant to
Mr. Garry Breikreuz, M.P.
Room 452D, Centre Block
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6



Dear Mr. Young:

I am writing with regards to your correspondence of June 24, 2002, concerning the use of a private company to forward information to licensed firearms owners.

I understand that Mr. Michael Fagan of this office established contact with you on July 22, at which time he shared the results of our preliminary discussions with officials of the Canadian Firearms Centre (CFC). As Mr. Fagan indicated, it has been confirmed that the mail-out referenced in your e-mail was forwarded to you by St. Joseph Print Group Inc. (operating as St. Joseph Digital Solutions – DLS), a private company under contract to provide variable printing and mailing services to the CFC.

As part of our review of the Firearms Program, this office is currently examining the contractual agreements between the St. Joseph Print Group Inc. and the CFC. Please rest assured that our review and subsequent inquiries will be directed at ensuring that appropriate security and privacy protection measures are in place to safeguard the personal information of Canadians.

On behalf of the Privacy Commissioner, I thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Alwyn Child'.

P. Alwyn Child
Director General
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