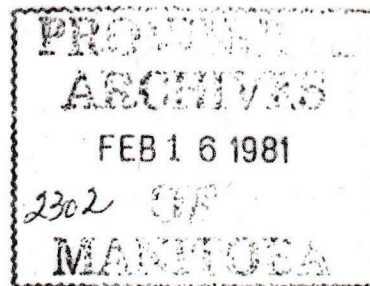


13 February 1981.



Captain G.S. Ford,  
Commandant,  
Canadian Forces Base Winnipeg,  
Westwin, Manitoba.  
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Dear Captain Ford:

I wish to express my profound sense of gratitude to you and other members of the School of Aeromedical Training for the dedicated and thoroughly professional response to our appeal for help in salvaging fire and water damaged records of Income Security and the Jewish Child and Family Service. I would ask you to show a copy of my letter to the following gentlemen, many of whom worked long hours, both day and night, on the project which demanded a disregard of filth, noxious odours, and heavy physical labour:

Captain A.A. St. Onge  
Chief Warrant Officer L.K. Beaton  
Master Warrant Officer B.M. Boyes  
Sergeant B.R. Whincup  
Master Corporal K.A. Cleaton  
Master Corporal M.J. Lake  
Corporal J.N. Belzile  
Corporal D. Taylor

As you know, most of these records are of a highly confidential and sensitive nature, and I must note the complete confidence we quickly developed in the School's handling of the material. While I cannot for obvious reasons be too precise about the contents of the records, I do wish all of you to know that many private citizens in Manitoba are deeply indebted to you for reasons ranging from personal subsistence to individual realizations of dreams of adding to or being added to families. Your help has most materially contributed to a nearly unbroken delivery system for such humanitarian concerns. In addition, the agencies involved have been largely enabled to maintain important legal and financial documentation.

I know a number of us will have further contacts as Mr. Brandt and I develop our report on the salvage operation; nevertheless, I wish to invite all of you to visit the Archives so that I may show you what we are all about. While this is an open invitation, it is my impression that a visit after our Conservation Laboratory is

nearing completion might be more interesting to you. With any luck, this should be some time in late May. However, if you will use your imagination, I would look forward to an earlier visit.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Bower,  
Provincial Archivist.

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c.c Colonel J.R. Allingham  
Minister of C.A.H.R. Hon. Norma L. Price  
Deputy Minister of C.A.H.R. Mr. Rene Prefontaine