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Dear Mr. Kalsi:

It has come to my attention that your letter of October 26th, 1987 has not yet been acknowledged. I apologize for the long delay of this reply.

The tragedy of the Air India disaster and its devastating personal impact on the victim's families cannot be overstated. Please accept my heartfelt condolences and support.

Nothing can ever compensate the terrible loss you have suffered. However, at the very least, we owe you -- and your daughter -- our assurances that the perpetrators of this most heinous crime in Canadian history will be brought to justice.

I believe the government shares the views of the Liberal Party in this regard. However, I also believe they have been negligent in fulfilling their moral and political obligation to solve this case as quickly and efficiently as possible. Misuse and destruction of crucial evidence has contributed to a gross mishandling of the investigation by the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service and other authorities.

On over ten occasions I have called on the government to initiate a Royal Commission of Enquiry into the disaster and its investigation. Consistently, this request has been denied. Consistently, the Solicitor General has simply argued that the case is proceeding. For bereaved parents such as yourselves I feel such vague assurances are inadequate.

My colleagues and I shall continue to pursue this matter until we receive a firm commitment that all the facts pertaining to the investigation are revealed and that this case will be given priority treatment until it is finally solved.

Sincerely,

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