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Dear Mr Kap

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Further to our conversation on Monday, the Canadian Ambassador in Bonn met with the senior legal official in the German Foreign Ministry on August 19, 1996. The following matters were discussed:

- (a) Treatment of Mr Kapoustin in Bulgaria. The German official stated that the German authorities were of the view that Mr Kapoustin would receive a fair trial and that Mr Kapoustin would only be tried for those crimes detailed in the extradition request. The official went on to say that it would not be in the Bulgarian interest to contravene the rules of European Extradition Convention. As well, the official stated that the German Embassy in Sofia has been instructed to attend and monitor the eventual judicial proceedings and went on to suggest that Canada work closely with Germany on this;
- (b) Safety of Mr Kapoustin in Bulgaria. The German official stated that the German Embassy in Sofia would monitor his well being closely and, along with our own active role, this should provide some measure of protection;
- (c) German Appeal Process. The German official confirmed that Mr Kapoustin had exhausted all appeals in Germany. However, he thought that the matter could be appealed to the European Human Rights Court;
- (d) Mr Kapoustin's Health. The German official stated that the Hessen prison

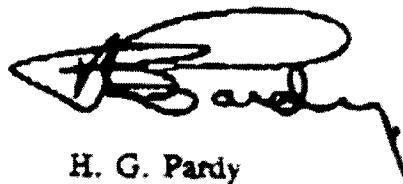
authorities would determine the state of Mr Kapoustin's health and whether he was fit to travel once the arrangements were made. {An official from the Embassy will be visiting Michael tomorrow to check on his well being}; and

(e) Timing for Extradition. The German official could not offer any precise timing for the extradition but stated that it normally took a couple of weeks. However, it was up to the Bulgarian authorities to make the arrangements and they could accelerate or delay the process according to their own situation.

As well, we spoke to the Interpol Section of the RCMP with respect to the allegations by the Bulgarians that Michael was responsible for sexual assaults against children. The RCMP this morning sent a message to the Bulgarian police stating that "there is no record of above subject [Michael] being involved in sexual assaults in this country. It was in fact an associate of above, a Mr Ivon Shearing who had been charged with multiple counts of sexual assaults against female members of the Kabalarian Philosophy over the past 15-20 years. Could you please take corrective action to assure the proper authorities that Mr Kapoustin was not involved in any such activity to our knowledge in Canada."

With warm regards.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. G. Pardy', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

H. G. Pardy  
Director General  
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