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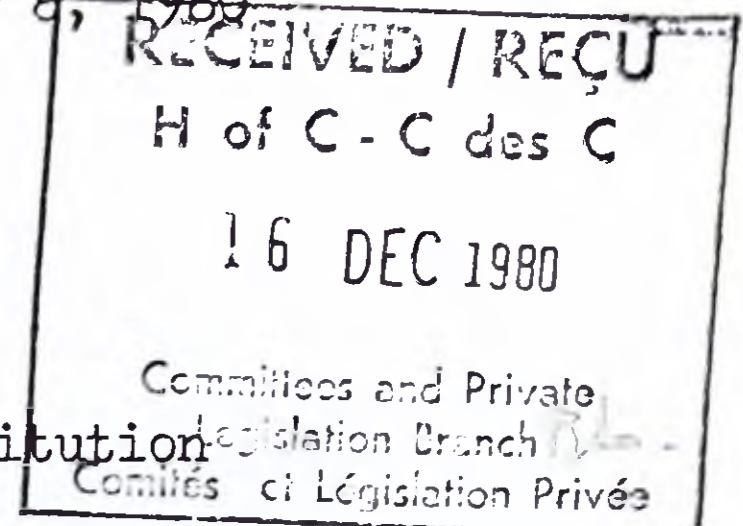
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December 8, 1980



Hon. Senator Harry Hays, P.C.
and Mr. Serge Joyal, M.P.

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Dear Senator Hays and Mr. Joyal:

Further to my telegram of December 4, 1980, regarding the letter of one, Ruth Pinkus, and a Preliminary Submission of the Committee for Racial Justice.

This latter committee was one brought together by the Regional Secretary of State's Office and represents ethnic, governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with the establishment of K.K.K. in this Province.

A steering committee of the Committee was named. Its mandate was to try to work out guidelines, priorities and strategies that could be presented to the Committee as a whole. All this in the name of co-ordinating the efforts of local groups to combat racism. As a member of this committee Mrs. Pinkus took to herself the name of "acting counsel". She then, apparently, thought that the best way to combat racism was to rush off to your committee with a submission regarding the Constitution.

In my letter to Mrs. Pinkus disassociating the Council from her submission I stated "...you overstepped the implicit terms of reference of your committee by sending this submission to such an important Government committee ...without in any way referring it first to this office". I added further that "when it comes to such an important issue consensus on the substance of the submission is a must".

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I hope, gentlemen, that these few lines are sufficient to explain the reason why it was agreed upon to disassociate the Council from this Submission.

Sincerely,

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