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Dear Colleague,

In reply to your letter of 28 April 2009, I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your extensive efforts involved in trying to clarify the circumstances of death of Mr. Robert Dziekański, a citizen of Poland. I hope that the actions you took, including your monitoring of investigation of the case, will contribute to preventing such incidents in the future.

Let me point out here that, following the coverage in the *Vancouver Sun* daily, Polish newspapers have been bringing forth successive information on the hearing that is in progress. Apparently it has turned out that the contents of email correspondence between Police officers was not taken into account during the hearing, even though this correspondence was significant for the case, proving that the use of conducted energy weapon against Mr. Dziekański was a planned, deliberate act. Moreover, on 23 June, the Canadian Supreme Court was to give a decision whether the so called Braidwood Commission, investigating the case, was entitled to assess the work of officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In the light of the new facts that have been revealed in relation to the case we both strive to clarify, I would like to kindly request that you convey to me all the details on the death of Mr. Dziekański that have been exposed recently. I would be grateful for the update on the investigation carried out by Canadian authorities, as well as on the actions undertaken by you.

Yours sincerely,
Janusz Kochanowski