February 12, 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection Of Privacy Act [File #: PRE/2/2013]

This is to confirm that, on January 15, 2013, The Premier’s Office received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Correspondence in any and all formats, including paper and electronic between Quebec Premier Jean Charest and NL Premier Kathy Dunderdale. Date range of request is July 1, 2012, to the present."

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted.

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at (709) 729-3945 or by email at denisepayne@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Denise Payne
Director of Policy
November 15, 2012

Honourable Jean Charest
1 Place Ville-Marie
Suite 1515
Montreal, QC
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Dear Mr. Charest:

I suppose no one but a Premier truly understands what a Premier endures: the burden of responsibility that never eases. The job requires unique sacrifices, but also offers rare rewards. In the final analysis, the greatest reward is knowing you have been able to make a real difference where it counts.

Not only did you persevere as Quebec’s head of state for a very long time, shouldering the responsibility with characteristic calm, but you brought your province back from the brink of separation and nurtured an enduring understanding of the value, to Quebeckers and all Canadians, of Canada’s unity.

You have been a towering figure in Canada’s modern history, and I have counted it a privilege to share the First Ministers’ table with you as a colleague. Naturally, we have faced our battles, but you have earned my profound respect, and I will sincerely miss you at the table.

Another fact that none but a Premier fully understands is the toll the role takes on one’s family. Yours has been a constant pillar of strength. I trust that all of you will enjoy the rich blessing of more quality time together. And may you, in reflecting on your work as Premier, take great satisfaction in knowing that you have indeed been able to make a real difference where it counts. Heartfelt best wishes to you and yours on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Yours sincerely,

KATHY DUNDERDALE
Premier
Dear Kathy,

I was delighted to receive your very kind note following our election campaign.

The very first time you and I had a short conversation was in Regina at a summer Gast meeting.

I remember it well because our conversation was about the issue of "identity," and how relevant this matter is to politics in Newfoundland, Labrador, and Quebec.

I was very impressed by your comments and thought then and there that you could one day be Premier of your Province.

You are certainly the right person at the right place, at the right time.
I deeply regret that you and I were not offered the time and the circumstances to address some issues such as Churchill Falls.

I hope for the sake of our country that this matter will one day be resolved.

In the meantime, the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador is in very good hands.

If you happen to travel to Montreal, please give a call as I would love to see you.

Amities!

[Signature]

Montreal, November 23rd, 2012.