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Mrs. Diane Rhéaume Secretary General Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N2

Reference: Application Nos. 2006-0508-2 and 2006-0509-0

Avis de recherche inc. and All Points Bulletin Incorporated

Across Canada

## Dear Secretary General Rhéaume:

This correspondence is being forwarded to express the support of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for the above noted application and its proposed service.

Crime affects all of us, directly and/or indirectly. The police however, cannot prevent or solve all crime in isolation. The RCMP has a long and proud record of working with the public and our communities in order to solve the crime afflicting them and prevent other criminal acts from occurring. The media is an important part of those communities and those efforts. Established programs such as Crime Stoppers and Amber Alert, which actively engage the media, public and police have proven to be successful in increasing the chances that a criminal will be apprehended or that a missing child will return to his or her family.

There are a number of advantages to this application/proposal however, over existing initiatives and partnerships between the media and the police to reach the public. Avis de Recherche, currently broadcast in Quebec, has been instrumental in assisting the police in that province to locate missing and wanted persons; an essential service of public interest. Having a similar program of exceptional importance available from coast to coast, offered as a basic subscription service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, would reach a wider audience. While certain crime



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re-enactment segments currently air at regular times on various news broadcasts or on specific weekly format shows, this proposal permits viewers to tune in at their will and could include crime re-enactments at all levels of interest: local, provincial, national and international.

The RCMP is also encouraged by the fact that this proposal includes programming of an educational nature by having police broadcast crime prevention messages on a variety of topics that affect the safety and security of the population.

These previously mentioned features, reflective of the proposed programming, increase the likelihood that more crimes will be solved, and more crime prevented. This means less persons in this country will become victims than would otherwise be. The RCMP enthusiastically supports this unique proposal to help make our homes and our communities safer.

A true copy of this correspondence has been mailed to the applicant.

Regards,

Bernie Corrigan, Assistant Commissioner Public Affairs and Communication Services

cc: Vincent Geracitano President and Founder Avis de Recherche TV All Points Bulletin TV



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Mr. Vincent Géracitano President and Founder Avis de Recherche TV All Points Bulletin TV 5157A rue Paisley St. Leonard, QC H1S 1V1

## Dear Mr. Géracitano:

After having reviewed your proposal and viewed samples of your productions, I wish to express the support of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for your current television channel, Avis de Recherche, and the proposed All Points Bulletin TV.

Crime affects all of us, directly and/or indirectly. The police however, cannot prevent or solve all crime in isolation. The RCMP has a long and proud record of working with the public and our communities in order to solve the crime afflicting them and prevent other criminal acts from occurring. The media is an important part of those communities and those efforts. Established programs such as Crime Stoppers and Amber Alert, which actively engage the media, public and police have proven to be successful in increasing the chances that a criminal will be apprehended or that a missing child will return to his or her family.

Your channel, Avis de Recherche, currently broadcast in Quebec, has been instrumental in assisting the police in that province to locate missing and wanted persons. It would be encouraging to know that Canadians had a similar service of exceptional importance available from coast to coast, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as proposed. There is currently a void of -2-

this type of television programming at a national level offered as a basic service. I am also interested to learn that you intend to include programming of an educational nature by having police broadcast crime prevention messages on a variety of topics that affect the safety and security of the population. The men and women of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police welcome the opportunity to work with you to make our homes and communities safer.

Sincerely,

Bernye Corrigar Assistant Commissioner
Public Affairs & Communication Services

cc: ES&ML