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John: I called Mr. Johnston about the typographical errors - he said not to send over a corrected version - such things happen to them all the time MFA.

Dear Mr. Viets:

As you probably know from Mr. Johnston, Miss Cryderman and I have decided that it is much more efficient to have the basic objects which we discussed with you carried out by two separate corporations which will be cooperating with each other, but will be much more specialized. Miss Cryderman has delivered to Mr. Johnston as of Friday last, the formal application in duplicate for incorporation of the first of these bodies. *She has* We have also obtained clearance in advance, from the Department of National Revenue for the recognition of the Corporation for charitable purposes, as soon as it has been actually incorporated.

I am pleased to enclose herewith the necessary material with reference to the second of the proposed bodies. This material is the following:

1. The application for incorporation (in duplicate).
2. Two copies of the by-laws.
3. My personal cheque for \$150.00 payable to the Receiver General of Canada, for the costs of incorporation.

The proposed name of the Corporation is "Human Rights Institute of Canada." Since a slightly different wording "Canadian Human Rights Institute" was checked by Mr. Johnston who informed me that it would be no problem with respect to that name, I assume that this slight revision in the order of the words will be equally acceptable. *there*

The organization will, of course, operate in every province of Canada, with the provincial representatives being selected primarily from lawyers, universities, and professional women's organizations or other persons with a solid experience in dealing with the problems of minorities.

The following are the special questions which Mr. Johnston wished to have answered, together with the replies thereto:

- (1) If the objects are charitable, will the Corporation carry out its objects directly or merely by assistance to existing charities?

Answer:

The Corporation proposes to carry out its objects directly.

- (2) What are the names, addresses and occupations of the people who will be permanent directors and the chief officers?

Answer:

President: Marguerite E. Ritchie, Q.C.,
258 Lisgar Street, Apt. 803,
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Occupation: Barrister and
Solicitor, presently Vice-
Chairman of the Anti-dumping
Tribunal, with over 20 years
direct experience in the type
of work of the Corporation.

First
Vice President: Birte Herneth Howie,
238 Dale Avenue, Ottawa

Occupation: Professional
Journalist and Editor, presently
Editor of the National News Letter
of the Canadian Federation of
Civil Liberties and Human Rights
Associations.

Second

Vice President: Miss Hilda L. Cryderman
2603 - 23rd Street
Vernon, British Columbia

Occupation: Teacher-Economist,
presently a Federal Commissioner
with the Public Service Staff
Relations Board.

Executive Assistant: Doris M. Edwards
1161 Castle Hill Crescent
Ottawa - K2C 2B1

Special Assistant: Janice Maureen Hayes
R.R. No. 1,
Kemptville, Ontario

Occupation: Executive Secretary.

(3) How will the Corporation function?

Answer:

The Corporation is intended to be primarily a research and advisory body, which will function through a head office situated in Ottawa, but will be concerned with research on problems arising any place in Canada. It will have the expertise and the training to be able to provide research assistance, and advice, to private persons, organizations, or government bodies.

(4) Are there any similar organizations already operating in Canada, and, if so, is it intended to operate in conjunction with them or separately?

Answer:

There are no similar organizations already operating in Canada.

(5) What experience have the officers of the Corporation had in the particular line of work?

Attached is a summary of ^{my} the Curriculum Vitae indicating some of the matters with which I have been concerned in more than 20 years training and experience in the

Department of Justice and involuntary organizations, in matters relating to International Law, United Nations, Domestic Law, Constitutional Law, Status of Women, and Human Rights. One example of my in-depth experience in creative organizations and research was utilized in our presentation of the Federal Government case to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1967 in the landmark Reference Re Offshore Mineral Rights (1967 Supreme Court Reports Page 792).

My First Vice President, Birte Herneth Howie, is a Professional Journalist and Editor with many years experience in a number of different countries, including Canada. She is currently Editor of a bilingual National News Letter for the Canadian Federation of Civil Liberties and Human Rights Associations and has therefore extensive current experience in this field.

Miss Hilda Cryderman who will be my Second Vice President, has been involved for more than 20 years in matters relating to Status of Women, Vocational Counselling of Students, Teaching, etc., and will be able to provide easy communication with many organizations and groups interested in obtaining assistance in research matters.

Special Advisor: Mr. Basil Scott
404 Laurier East
Ottawa

Retired, formerly head of Treaty Section, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, with many years experience of matters relating to the Treaty Section and to international documents and been ratified by Canada.

- (6) How will funds be raised? If there will be appeals for funds, how will they be conducted?

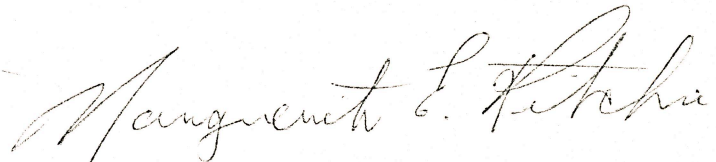
Answer:

It is not considered necessary or desirable to have any national appeal to the public. Where special research is requested by organizations or by Government departments,

charge may be made for such research. Grants from foundations and business organizations will provide the bulk of the financing.

In view of the fact that the objects and the general outline of this proposal have already been discussed, ^{and} there appeared to be no particular problems, which shall be most appreciative of your expediting the incorporation. My telephone number is 995-6779.

Sincerely yours,


M. E. Ritchie, Q.C.

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