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DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED  
ON BY THE ORGANIZATION OR ASSOCIATION

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Re: Human Rights Institute of Canada - Fed. Letters  
Patent: 20th March 1974 (Film 352, DOC.114)

The Human Rights Institute of Canada will 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 Corporation proposes to carry out its objects directly, and will select its personnel with particular care for their ability to contribute to the basic research objectives of the organization.

The names, addresses and occupations of the people who will be permanent directors and chief officers are the following:

President: Marguerite E. Ritchie, Q.C.,  
258 Lisgar Street, Apt. 803,  
Ottawa - K2P 0C9

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 - K1G 0H5

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.

The objects of the Corporation are:

- (a) To examine and research impediments to the establishment in Canada of equal rights between women and men, and impediments to the full achievement in Canada for all persons, of the rights set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- (b) To carry on research for the development of Human Rights in Canada and to inform and train persons in such research.
- (c) To inform and advise persons, organizations and Governments in Canada about matters relating to Human Rights; to provide reports and recommendations about all aspects of Human Rights; and to sponsor seminars and study groups concerned with Human Rights.
- (d) To maintain a continuing review of legislation and practices from the point of view of improvements in Human Rights.
- (e) To cooperate with persons, organizations and Governments in developing solutions for areas of Government activity which create or are likely to create problems in matters of Human Rights.
- (f) To provide information and assistance to persons, organizations and Governments with respect to all matters leading towards improvement of the standards of Human Rights recognized in Canada.
- (g) To compile and to make available information about laws or practices in Canada with respect to Human Rights.
- (h) To cooperate with private persons and organizations concerned with promotion of Human Rights.
- (i) To publicize the objectives and the work of the Corporation.
- (j) Generally, to do all such acts and things as the Corporation may find necessary or incidental to the attainment of these objects.
- (k) To carry out its functions, responsibilities and duties with the object of providing expert independent advice and research in matters of Human Rights.



There are no similar organizations already operating in Canada.

All officers will be chosen from the point of view or the experience which they are able to contribute. As President I shall be using directly a unique combination of experience arising from many different types of work which I have done in government service. Attached is a summary of my Curriculum Vitae indicating some of the matters with which I have been concerned for more than twenty years in training and experience in the Department of Justice and voluntary organizations on 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 landmarker 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.

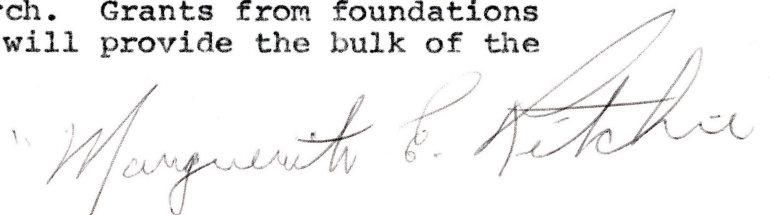
Miss Hilda Cryderman who will be my Second Vice President, has been involved for more than 20 years in matters relating to Status of Women, Vocational Counseling of Students, Teaching, etc., and will be able to provide easy communication with many organizations and groups interested in obtaining assistance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

It is not considered necessary or desirable to have any national appeal to the public for the raising of funds. Where special research is requested by organizations or by Government departments, an appropriate charge may be made for such research. Grants from foundations and business organizations will provide the bulk of the financing.



Marguerite E. Ritchie, Q.C.  
for/Human Rights Institute of Canada