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Without Prejudice

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Dear Mr. Moore,

This letter is with regard to Mr. Peter Allard and his interests with Kingsland Estates in Barbados.

As you are aware, on November 24, 2005, my colleague and Senior Trade Commissioner Mr. Jan Scazighino and I met with Mr. Lionel Nurse, Permanent Secretary, Barbados Ministry of Lands and Housing and the Environment to receive a briefing on the Kingsland Estates file. I understand that Mr. Scazighino shared information from that meeting with you over the telephone.

At that time, he reported to you the following: Mr. Nurse informed us that he had personally drafted a letter of response to Mr. Allard's letter of August 29, 2005 but his draft was with the Permanent Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister for approval. Also, he advised us that the Government of Barbados had made an offer of \$22 million for the lands in question and, as such, "the ball was in Kingsland's court". He noted that much of the delay in agreeing to a final payment for the lands in question was, in his opinion, the result of internal differences among the various owners of Kingsland Estates. He also noted that he did not understand how this issue applied to the Canada-Barbados Bilateral Investment Treaty (FIPA).

I understand that you then noted to Mr. Scazighino that Mr. Allard had not been aware of the Barbados Government's offer to Kingsland. As such, you requested that the High Commission attempt to find out to whom the offer was made.

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Since that time, our office has undertaken to obtain clarification on this point. We have called Mr. Nurse's office approximately eight times in the months of December, 2005 and January, 2006, and also e-mailed his office on the 8th of February, 2006. The main points in question were: to whom was the offer of \$22 million made, and when could Mr. Allard expect to receive a response to his letter of August 29, 2005.

We have not received a response to our queries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Welsh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael C. Welsh
High Commissioner

cc. Mr. Jan Scazighino
Mr. Roman Hruby
Mr. Alain Tellier