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April 8, 1992

Patrick M. Hughes  
16 Woodland Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

Re: Access to Information Request No. A-2114

This is in response to your request, received in this office on March 18, for

"... a complete transcript of last month's meeting between Barbara McDougall and Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas. The meeting took place Feb. 24/92 and lasted 90 minutes."

A search of departmental files has failed to identify such a record.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. Johnston'.

E.R. Johnston  
Coordinator  
Access to Information  
and Privacy





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OTTAWA, ONTARIO  
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March 30, 1992

Mr. Patrick M. Hughes  
16 Woodland Avenue  
St. Catharines, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, has asked me to reply to your letter of February 26, 1992 regarding your request for a transcript of the meeting between Mrs. McDougall and Foreign Minister Alatas of Indonesia.

Unfortunately, there was no formal transcript of this meeting and informal records of discussion are considered classified and may not be distributed under the Access to Information Act. I am enclosing a copy of the relevant sections of the Access to Information Act which state that the head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under the Act that contains information obtained in confidence from the government of a foreign state (section 13a). You should also refer to section 15g.

I am, however, enclosing a copy of the full media session transcript, conducted immediately following the meeting between Mrs. McDougall and Mr. Alatas.

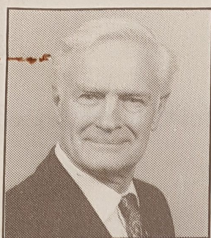
Thank you once again for writing. I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

J. J. Scott  
Director  
Asia Pacific South  
Relations Division

Enclosure(s)





## David D Stupich, MP Nanaimo-Cowichan

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**O T T A W A**

February 12, 1992

Elaine Brière  
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Dear Elaine:

I am enclosing a file of correspondence on East Timor that I have accumulated in recent months. You may be aware of most if not all of it from other sources.

I fear that we can expect little more from Barbara McDougall. I have seen little evidence that Indonesia is interested in assistance of any kind going to East Timor.

All the best.

Yours sincerely,

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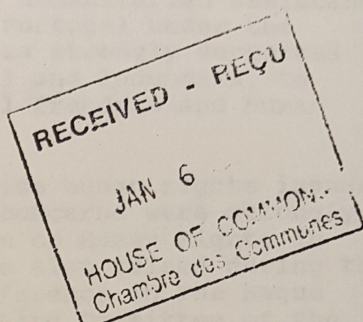
The Secretary of State for External Affairs

Secrétaire d'Etat aux Affaires extérieures

Canada

January 2, 1992

Mr. David D. Stupich, M.P.  
House of Commons  
Room 928, Confederation Building  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0A6



Dear David:

Thank you for your letter of September 30, 1991, regarding your concerns about the Canadian government's position on East Timor.

The Canadian government shares your concern about any human rights violations that occur in East Timor. I expressed Canadian outrage about the recent shootings in East Timor during a meeting with the Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs in Seoul on November 13. This representation was made only hours after the events in East Timor came to light. In addition, the Canadian Ambassador in Jakarta registered strong concern with Indonesian officials, and the Indonesian Ambassador in Ottawa was asked to convey Canada's concerns to his government in Jakarta.

In response to these events in East Timor, my colleague, the Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, and I have suspended the approval of new aid projects to Indonesia. Proposed projects worth \$30 million will be affected. I enclose two news releases detailing this suspension and denouncing the violence in East Timor.

The Canadian government is, however, encouraged by the nomination of a commission led by a senior Indonesian judge to investigate the shootings. We hope that this enquiry will be credible, thorough, and transparent. I have indicated that the outcome of this commission and the actions of the Indonesian government regarding human rights will be taken into consideration during the government's upcoming aid allocations review.

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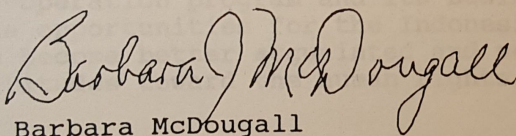
The Canadian government does not recognize *de jure* the incorporation of East Timor by Indonesia but does accept that the Indonesian authorities exercise a *de facto* control in East Timor. The Government of Canada considers that this acceptance, which reflects the view of the international community, makes Indonesia more receptive to receiving international humanitarian assistance in East Timor and facilitates talks with Portugal under the auspices of the United Nations. Canada has strongly supported United Nations efforts, involving Portugal and Indonesia, to ensure the East Timorese enjoy fundamental freedoms and human rights.

Canada has raised and will continue to raise human rights issues at various international fora. Canadian concerns were strongly expressed at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva last February. These concerns were also raised during the Inter-Governmental Group on Indonesia conference in The Hague last June and during the session of the Third Committee of the current United Nations General Assembly.

Canadian officials also monitor human rights developments through regular visits to East Timor. The latest visit occurred in September of this year when an officer from our Embassy in Jakarta went to East Timor to examine firsthand the human rights situation. This visit, and others of its kind, allow our representatives to voice the desire of Canadians and their government to see the complete range of human rights fully respected and protected throughout East Timor.

Thank you for writing to express your concerns about East Timor.

Yours sincerely,



Barbara McDougall

Enclosures