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Ms. Jeanne Sarson and  
Ms. Linda MacDonald  
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Dear Ms. Sarson and Ms. MacDonald:

Thank you so much for your letter of September 7<sup>th</sup> in which was enclosed a section of your upcoming book entitled *Ritual Abuse-Torture*.

For your information, September 19-21, 2001, has been proposed for the upcoming United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children. World leaders will gather in New York to take stock of commitments made at the 1990 World Summit on Children. The Special Session will also address issues related to violence against children, including the exploitation of children in the sex trade. As one of the six initiator countries, Canada is taking a leading role in the preparation of the Special Session on Children. Current information on the Special Session is provided on my website with a link to UNICEF's site.

Once again, thank you for keeping me informed on your work on behalf of victims of ritual abuse-torture. And best of luck with your forthcoming book on this issue.

Sincerely,

Landon Pearson, Senator  
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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

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**POST SCRIPT:** Although we have had to let go of getting this book finished because finding a publisher is difficult. Therefore, instead we have been actively writing articles to break the silence and have been successful at getting these published. Also we have written papers for presentation which also breaks

the silence. Both of these strategies give us hope that one day the book will be completed and published.

Although Senator Pearson speaks of Canada in a lead role, torture victimization of children disappeared in the federal document in the section of violence against children, therefore her letter feels/is more placation than concern for the reality that children endure torture in the private sphere.