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Mesdames Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald  
361 Prince Street  
Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 1E4

Dear Mesdames Sarson and MacDonald:

Thank you for your correspondence of September 22, 2004, concerning ritual abuse-torture. Unfortunately, my office has no record of having received a letter from you dated May 1, 2004.

I note your concerns regarding ritual abuse-torture and I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the appropriate officials within the Department of Justice Canada. Please be assured that your suggestions will be taken into consideration.

You also raise the issue of trafficking in persons. Trafficking in persons is an important issue and both I and the Government of Canada are committed to the fight against this fundamental violation of human rights. For information on current strategies and initiatives of the Department of Justice Canada, please visit our Web site, [www.canada.justice.gc.ca](http://www.canada.justice.gc.ca).

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irwin Cotler".

Irwin Cotler

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