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ANNUAL REPORT
AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 16 (5)
OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT

1978



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To His Excellency the Right Honourable E.R. Schreyer,
C.C., C.M.M., Governor General of Canada

May it please Your Excellency:

I have the Honour to submit to your Excellency
the Annual Report for 1978 which provides the information
required by the Official Secrets Act (Section 16(5)).

Respectfully submitted,

Jean-Jacques Blais

Solicitor General of Canada

February 1st, 1979

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Re: Solicitor General's Annual Report
to Parliament
Official Secrets Act - Sec. 16 (5)

- (a) The number of warrants issued pursuant to Section 16 (2) O.S.A.: 392
- (b) The average length of time for which warrants were in force: 244.71 days
- (c) The methods of interception utilized were: wiretapping, eavesdropping by microphone and interception of written communications outside the course of Post.
- (d) Warrants issued pursuant to Section 16 (2) O.S.A. have continued to prove of value in the detection and prevention of subversive activity both in the sphere of foreign intelligence activities directed towards gathering intelligence information relating to Canada and in the violent, terrorist or criminal activities directed towards accomplishing governmental change in Canada or elsewhere.

Interceptions authorized by warrants issued pursuant to Section 16 (2) O.S.A. also proved indispensable investigative aids to supplement, verify or disprove information derived from other sources.