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William J.S. Elliot
RCMP Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner;

As the President of the Canadian Polish Congress, I would like to request that you give your utmost attention to the recent actions of your officers involved in the Robert Dziekanski case.

I realize that there is currently an investigation probing the events surrounding the tasing of Mr. Dziekanski in the baggage area of Vancouver International Airport.

It is my hope that this will be a very comprehensive investigation of not only the circumstances of his death but also the actions and conduct of the four officers involved in this case.

There seems to be many unanswered questions surrounding the events, which occurred both leading up to and including the tasing.

The first question would be; why were R.C.M. P. officers called to the scene rather than an interpreter, a settlement worker or a Chaplin? After the officers arrived it was mere minutes before they used their tasers to control the situation. Is this standard procedure to act before assessing the situation? Also, why did the officers not try to assist Mr. Dziekanski rather than just attempting to "control" a situation? All of these and many more questions are on the minds of the countless Canadians who have viewed the video taken by an eyewitness.

This leads to the question of why the video was held by the R.C.M.P. for so long and why the information it contained was not at least made know to the public.

I would like your assurance that these questions will be answered by a complete and comprehensive investigation. Lastly, I would like to be assured that any and all disciplinary action be taken and that all necessary measures be enforced to ensure that such an event does not occur again.

Sincerely,

Wladyslaw Lizon
National President
Canadian Polish Congress