

HIGH RIVER ACCESS TO INFORMATION DND RESPONSE – August 22, 2017

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE STATES:

“CF WAS NOT/NOT AUTH TO CONDUCT ALEA¹ TASKS.”

“AT NO TIME DID OUR SOLDERS TOUCH ANY WEAPONS”

¹ALEA (ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES)

This picture released by the RCMP would suggest otherwise:



(SOURCE: RCMP)

MY ATIP REQUEST TO DEFENCE DEPT. SOLDIERS INVOLVEMENT IN HIGH RIVER FIREARMS SEARCHES & SEIZURES - February 20, 2017 <https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/02/20/defence-dept-still-hiding-soldiers-involvement-in-high-river-firearms-searches-seizures/>

Reference is being made to copies of the attached e-mails under the subject heading **“HIGH RIVER GUN SEIZURES”** stating:

- (A) 27 June 2013: Major Neal Matthews e-mail: **“Request confirmation whether or not CAF personnel assisted with the removal of firearms form [sic] High River residences. ASAP response is requested.”**
- (B) 27 June 2013 Capt. MM Tompkins e-mails: (1) **“The reporter, _____ is filing on this tonight. He's had gun organizations tell him the military entered homes as well. MNDO has asked to confirm ASAP if this actually occurred.”** (2) **“PMO is saying that gun organizations are saying this.”** (3) **“Roger sir. I'll find out.”**
- (C) 27 June 2013: Col Conrad Mialkowski e-mail: **“CF was not/not auth to conduct ALEA tasks.”**
- (D) 27 June 2013: Capt. MM Tompkins e-mail: **“MNDO have been told that CAF members may have been present or participated in these searches/seizures. MNDO is asking to confirm whether this is true or false? MNDO has asked for confirmation NLT 0700 tomorrow morning. Please ack.”**

Reference is also being made to the attached picture showing soldiers clearly engaging in a law enforcement activity.

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/11/05/national-defence-atip-response-not-one-meeting-held-on-high-river-really/>

For the period between June 27, 2013 to present, please provide copies of:

- (A) All confirmations and follow-ups sent to Major Neal Matthews and his superiors.
- (B) All confirmations and follow-ups sent to Capt. MM Tompkins and his superiors.
- (C) The responses and follow-ups sent to Col. Conrad Mialkowski and his superiors regarding his concerns that soldiers deployed in High River were under direct orders “not/not” to engage in law enforcement activities.
- (D) All confirmations and follow-ups sent to MNDO, the Minister and the PMO.

NATIONAL DEFENCE RESPONSE – DND ATIP FILE: A-2016-02603 - AUGUST 22, 2017

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/DND-High-River-Response-Soldiers-did-not-touch-firearms-Aug-22-2017.pdf>

KEY STATEMENTS IN DND E-MAILS RE: URGENT MNDO RFI: HIGH RIVER GUN SEIZURES

E-MAIL: Thu June 27, 2013 (10:22 pm)

Sir, PMO is saying that gun organizations are saying this.

MM Tompkins, Captain, PPCLI, Military Assistant to the MND. [ATIP page 4]

E-MAIL: Thu June 27, 2013 (22:28 pm)

As well sir: The reporter, _____ is filing on this tonight. He's had gun organizations tell him the military entered homes as well. MNDO has asked to confirm ASAP if this occurred.

MM Tompkins, Captain, PPCLI, Military Assistant to the MND. [ATIP page 3]

E-MAIL - Fri June 28, 2013 (00:20 am)

Alcon, I have spoken to BGen Juneau who has spoken with Comd 1 CMBG on this issue. Comd LFWA states that at no time did our soldiers touch any Comd LFWA also states that he is satisfied with the response fm the CoC and does not intend to pursue this matter further.

T.P. Gosselin, LCol, A/COS, LFWA HQ 1985 [ATIP page 2]

E-MAIL - Friday, June 28, 2013 (00:28 am)

Sir, I understand from our COS that this issue has been closed “on high” but have sent you this for your own essay.

LFWA-JTFW DSO@LFWA-JTFW HQ@Edmonton [ATIP page 11]

MY EDITORIAL COMMENT: ODD THAT THE OFFICERS ‘ON HIGH’ CHOSE TO CLOSE THIS INVESTIGATION DOWN AFTER JUST 8 MINUTES, WITHOUT CONDUCTING A PROPER INVESTIGATION AND WITHOUT ANSWERING ALL THE QUESTIONS POSED BY THE MINISTER’S OFFICE.

E-MAIL - Friday June 28, 2013 (00:32)

Matt: Comd JTFC/FLWA confirms base on his engagement of his chain of command that: “at no time did our soldiers touch any weapons.”

Conrad Mialkowski, Col, SJS/J33 Current Ops [ATIP page 1]

E-MAIL - June 28, 2013 (1:01 am)

BGen Thomas; Sir, RFI close. Thank you. I don't expect that it will surface again unless some type of evidence to the contrary is presented.

Conrad Mialkowski, Col, SJS/J33 Current Ops [ATIP page 1]

MY EDITORIAL COMMENT: ‘UNLESS SOME TYPE OF EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY IS PRESENTED’ - LIKE A PHOTOGRAPH WITH SOLDIERS TOUCHING FIREARMS HANDED TO THEM BY AN RCMP OFFICER?

LEGEND FOR NATIONAL DEFENCE ACRONYMS

[http://www.acronymfinder.com/National-Defence-Act-\(Canada\)-\(NDA\).html](http://www.acronymfinder.com/National-Defence-Act-(Canada)-(NDA).html)

DND – DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
CF – CANADIAN FORCES
ALEA – ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
MNDO – MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OFFICE
PCO – PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
SJS/J33 – STRATEGIC JOINT STAFF/J33 CONTINENTAL
CJOC – CANADIAN JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND
JTFW - JOINT TASK FORCE WEST
PPCLI - PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY
COS – COMMANDING OFFICERS
LFWA - LAND FORCE WESTERN AREA
CoC – CHAIN OF COMMAND
CMBG – CANADIAN MECHANIZED BRIGADE GROUP

HIGH RIVER ORDERS: “Canadian Armed Forces personnel will not engage in law enforcement activities” Signed by: T.J. Lawson, General – Chief of Defence Staff and Richard B. Fadden, Deputy Minister
<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/DND-ATI-Response-Ministers-Briefing-Notes-A-2014-00344-Aug-26-2014.pdf>

THREE MINISTERS OF DEFENCE HAVE FAILED TO ANSWER MY HIGH RIVER LETTERS
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2016/06/27/letter-to-minister-of-defence-high-river-report-did-not-fulfil-defence-minister-nicholsons-promise/>
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2015/03/03/high-river-questions-for-the-new-minister-of-defence-jason-kenney-mar-3->
<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Defence-Minister-CF-Helped-RCMP-Seize-Firearms-in-High-River-Jan-5-2015.pdf>

PRIME MINISTER HARPER FAILED TO ADDRESS THE FAILURE OF HIS MINISTER OF DEFENCE TO ANSWER MY LETTER ON THE HIGH RIVER ISSUES
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2015/08/05/prime-minister-no-response-from-defence-minister-kenney/>

STILL WAITING FOR A RESPONSE FROM PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU
<https://dennisryoung.ca/2017/07/17/high-river-letter-to-the-prime-minister-with-a-copy-to-premier-of-alberta/>
<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Prime-Minister-No-Response-from-Minister-of-National-Defence-November-21-2016.pdf>
<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Prime-Minister-No-Response-from-Minister-of-Public-Safety-November-23-2016.pdf>