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The Right Honourable Paul Martin
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing on behalf of the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR) to urge your government to fully disclose documents in the Arar inquiry. We are deeply concerned at reports suggesting that the government is seeking to block disclosure in ways that suggest an attempt to hide the truth rather than protect national security.

As an organization committed to the settlement and integration of refugees and immigrants, the CCR considers the Arar inquiry a crucial sign of Canada's commitment to the respect of human rights, and especially the rights of Arabs, Muslims and those not born in Canada. It is extremely important to the successful settlement of newcomers that they feel welcome and that their rights will be fully protected.

We ask you therefore to see that the government cooperates fully with the Arar Commission by facilitating the disclosure of all relevant information, unless strictly required by national security considerations.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Summers
President

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