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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Access to Information Request No. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for access to information on behalf of [REDACTED], which was received in this office on July 2, 2002.

At this time, I am enclosing information responsive to Part A of your request. You requested that LAO generate a computer report for criminal cases from 1994 to June 2000 in the [REDACTED] where payments for transcript production was greater than \$10,000 per case.

We have generated two reports. One refers to payments made on existing certificates where the costs of transcripts in that time frame exceeded \$10,000. The second report reflects certificates issued in that time frame which, over the life of the certificate, had transcript costs in excess of \$10,000. In the latter report, the payments for those transcripts may have been made after June 2000. In respect of the first report, the case may have begun before 1994, but the payments for transcripts were made during the time frame which you specified.

I hope that the difference between these two reports is clear and you will be in a position to determine which reflects the data that would be more useful to you. If you have any questions about the data, please contact Linda Hall at this office.

In order to allow you to assess whether you wish to proceed with Part B of the request, we have calculated the costs of doing so on an estimated basis. LAO is charged \$2.20 per file to retrieve files from storage and \$1.75 to return them to storage, as well as a \$12.00 delivery charge for each order. Files from 1994 to 1998 are in storage. We have no way of knowing from the computer report which files are prior to 1998. However, I will assume that 15 files are in storage for the purposes of estimation. On that basis, the cost of retrieval would be \$71.25.

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We have considered how long it would take to review the files for the purpose of fulfilling Part B of your request. We have estimated an average of three-quarters of an hour per certificate. According to the Regulations under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, LAO is entitled to charge \$7.50 per 15 minutes, which would amount to \$22.50 per file. That would total \$427.50 for the 19 files relating to transcripts paid during the period or \$495 for the 22 files where the certificates were issued during the period. These costs may vary slightly if the time to retrieve the information is greater or lesser than the estimate of three-quarters of an hour.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please advise how you wish to proceed regarding this request.

I am responsible for the decision to grant you access to these records. You may ask for a review of this decision within 30 days of receiving this letter by writing to: The Information and Privacy Commission/Ontario, 80 Bloor Street West, Suite 1700, Toronto Ontario M5S 2V1, Telephone 1-800-387-0073.

If you decide to request a review of this decision, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following: the file number listed at the beginning of this letter; a copy of this decision letter; and a copy of the original request for information you sent to our institution.

In addition, you must send an appeal fee to the Commissioner's office. That appeal fee for information other than personal information is \$25.00.

Yours truly,

Angela Longo
President/CEO