



March 26, 2023

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Dear Paul Allen :

This letter is further to your request received on December 15, 2022, pursuant to the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA) to obtain the following information:

***“Clarification received January 18, 2023: Please begin with the five-year period January 2007 to December 2011.***

***Clarification received January 5, 2023: I am requesting any records pertaining to policies and procedures governing the preparation, review, revision, final approval, and distribution of all 140 IRS School Narratives publicly issued. I am also requesting any records pertaining to a failure to prepare School Narratives for Lac La Biche IRS, Lesser Slave Lake IRS, St. Augustine's (Smoky River) IRS and St. Joseph's (Dunbow) IRS.***

***Clarification received December 21, 2022: The timeframe is from January 2007 (the year that the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement took effect) to January 2021 (when the Minister and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation entered into their Agreement).***

***Original text: In January 2022, the Government of Canada entered into an Agreement for Sharing of Specific Indian Residential School Documents (Agreement) with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR). For your convenience, I'm providing a link ([https://paulallen.ca/nctr/irs/MOA-NCTR\\_Signed\\_20220120.pdf](https://paulallen.ca/nctr/irs/MOA-NCTR_Signed_20220120.pdf)) to the English text of the Agreement that a Manager, Resolution, Settlement Agreement and Childhood Claims Branch, Resolution and Partnerships, Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada shared with me on July 18, 2022. The Agreement notes that "no [school] narrative was created for the following Indian Residential Schools, and therefore Canada will not be providing the NCTR narratives for these institutions. Lac La Biche IRS, Lesser Slave Lake IRS, St. Augustine's (Smoky River) IRS, St. Joseph's (Dunbow) IRS (Schedule A, p. 6)" I am writing to request the following: any records pertaining to policies and procedures governing the preparation, review, revision, final approval, and distribution of school narratives under the terms of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, court orders, or other mandates, any records per”***

I am pleased to provide with the pages relevant to your request. You will note that certain records or portions thereof have been withheld under sections 13(1)(a), 13(1)(c), 16(2)(c), 21(1)(a) of the ATIA.

You are entitled to complain to the Office of Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days after the day that you become aware that grounds for a complaint exist. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

The Information Commissioner of Canada  
30 Victoria Street, Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3  
1-800-267-0441 / [www.oic-ci.gc.ca](http://www.oic-ci.gc.ca)

This completes our processing of your request. You may contact Patricia Dubeau Abou-Rjeili at [patricia.DubeauAbou-Rjeili@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:patricia.DubeauAbou-Rjeili@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or our generic inbox at [atiprequest-aiprdemande@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:atiprequest-aiprdemande@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) should you have any questions concerning your request.

Yours sincerely,

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Access to Information and Privacy Directorate

Enclosures

**SECTION OF THE ATIA**

13(1)(a) GOVERNMENT OF A FOREIGN STATE

(a) the government of a foreign state or an institution thereof;

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13(1)(c) GOVERNMENT OF A PROVINCE

(c) the government of a province or an institution thereof; or

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16(2)(c) METHODS EMPLOYED TO PROTECT BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES OR SYSTEMS

(c) on the vulnerability of particular buildings or other structures or systems, including computer or communication systems, or methods employed to protect such buildings or other structures or systems.

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21(1)(a) ADVICE OR RECOMMENDATIONS

21 (1) The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains

(a) advice or recommendations developed by or for a government institution or a minister of the Crown,

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