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October 19, 2005

Mr. John Cummins, M.P.
House of Commons
Room 548 Confederation Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario
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RE: Access to Information Request
Our File No. AF-2005-0039 / cf

Dear Mr. Cummins:

This is further to your request under the *Access to Information Act* ("the Act") dated September 19, 2005 which arrived in our Office on September 21, 2005. You asked for:

"Copy of all letters that CMHC President R.V. Hession wrote to counterparts at the National Research Council (or its associated committees) in the period August - December 1981 with regard to "Moisture Induced Problems in Housing". This request includes any talking points, media lines or communication strategy developed as part of the release of these documents under the Access to Information Act."

Pursuant to and in accordance with the Act, you will find enclosed copies of the records held at CMHC which fit the description of your request at the date your request was received by this Office.

Please be advised that you have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner with regard to this request. Complaints must be made within one year of the request being received by CMHC and must be forwarded to the Office of the Information Commissioner, 112 Kent Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1H3.

Should you have any questions regarding your request or the *Access to Information Act*, please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

Sincerely

D. V. Tyler
Coordinator
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August 21, 1981

Mr. A.G. Wilson,
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Mississauga, Ontario.
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Re: Moisture Induced Problems in Housing

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a situation we believe requires your attention. It has become evident to the Corporation that there has been a significant increase in the incidence of moisture induced damage in frame construction. The problem is most commonly encountered in single family housing and the damage appears to be occurring in the exterior walls. Reports on this matter, which have been submitted to me and which I have had the opportunity of discussing with senior technical staff at CMHC, have convinced me that the problem is potentially serious, possibly widespread and that it concerns matters of structural safety and public health.

I have attached a brief technical description of the problem and request that the matter be brought to the attention of the Associate Committee, with a view to it being referred to the appropriate Standing Committee, or sub-committee, at the earliest opportunity, as an emergency matter, and to it being reviewed by the Provincial Advisory Committee at its next meeting.

My main request to you, however, is that the Associate Committee should provide the focus for the consideration of the appropriate changes to the code measures and standards development requirements.

The problem, of course, affects housing other than that insured or subsidized under the National Housing Act and it is my belief that, with the current wide acceptance of the National Building Code and the prestige with which your Committee is regarded, it forms the natural focal point for the orderly development of the technical and regulatory measures which may be required.

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I have committed substantial CMHC resources, both staff and money, towards seeking measures which will reliably diminish the problem in the future. I am convinced that the effectiveness of our efforts will be dependent upon a positive leadership role by the Associate Committee on the National Building Code.

Yours sincerely,



R.V. Hession,
President.

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c.c. R.W. Anderson, Director,
National Office Support Centre
Mr. R.H. Dunn, Secretary, Associate Committee on the
National Building Code

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