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Subject: A Revised Note

Hi Mr. and Mrs. Robson,

After leaving North Sydney this morning I traveled to New Glasgow where I met with Mayor Anne Maclean - Her Worship- for about 45 minutes. During the interview she made what I consider to be some rather interesting statements.

I asked her what the town was planning to do to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incident at the Roseland Theatre. She said they had not been planning to do anything - the inference being that she was not aware that it had been 60 years- but that she promised to raise the matter with council - she seemed intent on marking the occasion.

I asked her if given the injustice of what occurred in 1946 whether she felt the Town of New Glasgow had a particular responsibility to apologize to Viola Desmond's family. She said that she personally thought an apology was "not something that she would object to" but she didn't think that she had the authority to make a unilateral decision and would consult with council. She seemed to think that such a gesture was long overdue.

I asked her if she felt that a monument or a plaque marking the courageous act of Viola was warranted. She said she thought such a thing would be welcomed in the community. She said that she would bring this idea forward.

I finally asked her if she felt that Viola's conviction should be taken off the books. Again she thought this was a good idea though she said that such a matter was outside of her jurisdiction.

I know, Mrs. Robson, that Mayor Maclean was interested in contacting you and your sisters. I was going to ask whether you would like me to pass on your contact information to her or whether you would prefer me to hold off on this score.

I would be interested in hearing what you think of this. Just to remind you that I have her statements on tape. Everything, of course, was on the record. It is also interesting to note that the MP for New Glasgow, indeed a resident of the town is Peter McKay, the Canadian Foreign Minister. I think I might contact Mr. McKay to get his thoughts about these matters.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thanks again for everything.

Best, Adrian Harewood

P.S Mayor Maclean seemed intent on brokering some kind of reconciliation and making amends for an injustice committed in her town. Being a politician she could have merely been spinning a yarn. I would humbly submit that given that her statements were recorded I think her proverbial feet need to be held to the fire, as do the feet of Minister McKay.

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