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Dear Mr. Benoit:

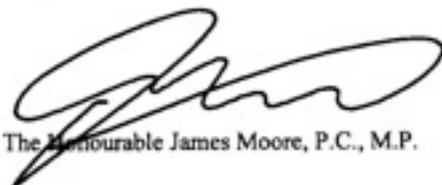
Thank you for your letter of July 10, 2012, enclosing a copy of a letter from Dr. Donald B. Duncan, President, Lloydminster and District Centennial Commemorative Association, regarding the cancellation of Library and Archives Canada's (LAC) National Archival Development Program and requesting funding for the Association's project to digitize its videotapes. I appreciate you taking the time to inform me of your interest in the Association's project. Unfortunately, the Department of Canadian Heritage does not have any funding programs that could support this type of initiative.

Please assure Dr. Duncan that our Government recognizes the importance of LAC and the many services it provides, as well as the value of preserving Canada's documentary heritage. However, like all other federal organizations, LAC must do its part and contribute to the reduction of the deficit.

As an agency in the Canadian Heritage Portfolio, LAC is responsible for operational decisions under the direction of the Librarian and Archivist of Canada, including those related to Budget 2012. As such, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of our correspondence to Dr. Daniel J. Caron, Deputy Head and Librarian and Archivist of Canada, so that he is aware of Dr. Duncan's concerns.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



The Honourable James Moore, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: Dr. Daniel J. Caron