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Dear Mr. Sharp,

First, let me apologize for not addressing you by your proper RCN rank.

Second, let me send along for your information details of a book on the RCN which I published a little earlier this year with UBC Press.

I understand that you were the Secretary to the Naval Board of Inquiry which was held in HMCS Stadacona in May 1945.

In this connection I have been building up an RCN Special Collection here at the Coronel Memorial Library for some time. I have been canvassing ex-RCN, RCNR and RCNVR officers and ratings to leave to the College copies of their logbooks, journals, photographs and so forth. My long term objective is to establish this library as a spot to which naval researchers will turn when working on the RCN in particular and Canadian naval history in general.

I am anxious to acquire a copy of the Board of Inquiry proceedings. I can make copies of any materials you may have and appropriate safeguards can be invoked in terms of access and usage.

I would welcome your support not only in terms of Inquiry documentation but in terms of other naval materials as well.

I look forward to your reply.

With warmest regards,

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January 20, 1986

Mr J.A. Boutilier,
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Dear Dr Boutilier,

I must admit that I have not made a thorough search for data concerning the Naval Board of Inquiry. In explanation I am hampered by the fact that much of my memorabilia is stored with my sister and I have not been able to arrange to spend some time to go through it. Please do not despair as I will now make a special effort, delayed by a month as I am about to leave for Maui.

I will be taking Redman's book, "Open Gangway" with me as expect to be seeing Admiral Hibbard quite frequently and will discuss the Halifax riots with him. If possible, in April I will visit Victoria and hopefully meet with you. Hopefully I will be able to bring a few items of interest.

Despite the fact that I have met with Admiral Hibbard on a number of occasions during the past year, we have never discussed the Halifax riots. He was of course a witness at the Board of Inquiry.

I trust we will be able to meet.

Yours sincerely,

Peter J. Sharp