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John MacDonald
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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

I am writing in response to your email dated January 28, 2013, regarding *R. v. Silva*. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the ministry.

I understand that the Crown and defence entered into an agreement that would see the accused return to Brazil without being prosecuted on condition that he not return to Canada. A bench warrant has been issued. As part of the agreement, he will be prosecuted if he returns to Canada. This is not common practice and the Ministry is reviewing the decisions made in this case.

With respect to the Assistant Crown Attorney, the Ministry does not comment on human resource or personal matters relating to staff.

Also note, that the Ministry of the Attorney General is unable to provide you with any legal assistance. The Attorney General and staff in this Ministry provide legal assistance to the Government of Ontario and not to private parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Cornish", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

James L. Cornish
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