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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate

FROM: W.G. Saywell,
President

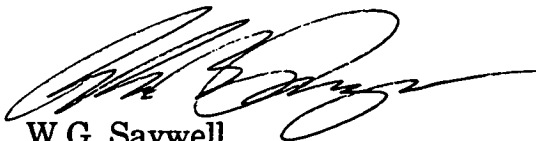
SUBJ: AUCC Resolution on
Gun Control

DATE: October 15, 1992

The attached resolution concerning gun control was unanimously approved by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada following the tragic deaths at Concordia University this August. I would like to present the following motion for the consideration of our Senate at its November meeting.

"That Senate endorse the strengthening of firearms control provisions in the Criminal Code, in particular towards improving the screening of firearms acquisition and prohibiting the possession of handguns by ordinary citizens."

I have two reasons for proposing this motion. First, I hope that adoption of these proposals would lessen the possibility that similar tragedies would be repeated at other Canadian universities. Second, I believe that our University should stand with other Canadian universities in this response to the events at Concordia. All of our universities are potentially at risk.



W.G. Saywell

RESOLUTION OF THE AUCC CONCERNING GUN CONTROL

It is moved that

in order that firearms be made less accessible to the public and in order to minimize the risks of gun-related deaths, the AUCC urges the federal government to move expeditiously to strengthen the current firearms control provisions of the *Criminal Code*, and regulations pursuant thereto, and further urges all governments in Canada to improve the implementation of the law. Specifically, the AUCC urges improvements in the screening procedures for the acquisition of all types of gun and the registration of all guns.

It is also moved that

the AUCC urge the federal government to enact immediately laws prohibiting any person from having in his/her possession a handgun, members of the Canadian Armed Forces and law-enforcement officers excepted when in their course of duty.

It is further moved that

the AUCC join the Coalition for Gun Control, a non-profit organization working towards securing more effective gun control legislation.

September 28, 1992