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August 7, 2008



Pamela Harrod
Secretary of the University
FIPPA Coordinator
University of Ottawa
Office of the Secretary of the University
Tabaret Hall, Room 208 (TBT 208)

Re: FIPPA request, Queen's talk transcript, my file DGR-16

Dear Pamela Harrod,

You provided a final decision letter dated July 17, 2008, for FIPPA request AS-126 (your code), PA08-158 (IPC code), DGR-07 (my code). The request was for all records about me via VP-Academic Robert Major's office in the respondent period. With your July 17th final decision letter you provided 176 pages of respondent records, as a single pile of unnumbered pages.

The second record from the top in the latter pile of pages of respondent records starts on the third page from the top of the pile of pages of respondent records. This second record (let us call it Record-2) contains simple typed text and starts, from the top of the page, as follows:

“Reporter: His title is, ‘On the responsibility of university professors to create anarchism; liberation through anti-hierarchy activism.’ Here is his address:

DGR: I don't know what got into me to write that long title. I don't even remember what was in my head at the time. So I'll touch on some of those points and some other points. I think one of the main themes that will come out—and this is mean and I was hoping there would be more professors here—one of the main themes is university professors are spineless and immoral, and they participate in the oppression that you are all subjected to on this campus [...]”

Record-2 contains eight such pages of simple text, with no severing and no identifiers allowing one to deduce who may have sent or received or produced the record.

Record-2 appears to be a transcript of a keynote talk I delivered as part of the Studies in National and International Development (SNID) series, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, on October 18, 2007. The SNID organizers did not produce a transcript of my talk. I am

concerned, therefore, that the University may have practiced surveillance of my activities and may have ordered this transcript.

By virtue of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act of Ontario, I hereby request all records related to, about, and/or accompanying Record-2, including but not limited to: all correspondence, any contracts or arrangements to hire services, all internal emails discussing the matter, all records of attempts to secure a transcript, any voice recording, etc.

The motivation for the present request is that I would like to know how this transcript was obtained and how (and by whom) it has been used by the University.

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$5.00, the amount foreseen by the Act. Please use the above file number in all related communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis Rancourt". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Denis G. Rancourt
(Professor, Department of Physics, University of Ottawa)