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Senator Joseph Ludwig  
Chair  
Senate Select Committee on Ministerial Discretion in Migration Matters  
Parliament House  
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Dear Senator Ludwig

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe".

Thank you for your letter of 27 October 2003 regarding the Senate Select Committee on Ministerial Discretion.

As you would recall, there was a significant level of interaction and correspondence between my Office and my Department and your Committee in the latter part of last year. Unfortunately, in that context, a specific response to your letter of 27 October was overlooked.

In my view, it was not appropriate then and nor is it now, for me to comment or speculate on the issues under ongoing consideration by your Committee.

I await with interest the outcomes of the Committee's deliberations on the matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Vanstone".

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