December 20, 1982

Dear Dr. Kim,

Thank you for your invitation to become a member of the Ex-Officio International Sponsoring Committee for the Korean War Memorial. I have consulted with my government in this matter and have been advised as follows:

(a) The Canadian Government recently rededicated the Ottawa Memorial to include Korean war dead. This is our official monument to the loss of Canadian lives in Korea.

(b) Canada makes a standing contribution to the United Nations Memorial Cemetery at Pusan.

(c) Any other memorial would have to be considered by Canada to be a "duplication". It is the policy of the Canadian Department of Veteran's Affairs to avoid duplications as any exception could lead to pressure for support for many other proposed memorials.

What this adds up to is that the Canadian Government will not be able to make any contributions towards the proposed monument here in Washington. This does not however...
mean that I cannot accept your invitation to serve on the ex-officio sponsoring board to provide moral support and advice to your project as required. If under these circumstances, you believe it would still be useful to have my participation I would be pleased to accept your invitation to represent Canada on the board.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Gotlieb
Ambassador