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MEMO TO ALL POLITICAL PARTIES

This note is to inform you of recent changes to the list of eligible parties, and the effect of this on the allocation of paid and free time under the *Canada Elections Act*.

My last allocation of paid time was made on December 22, 1999, and it allocated 390 minutes between 10 registered parties and 2 eligible parties.

Since that time, a new eligible party has been added, namely, the Marijuana Party which became an eligible party on September 19, 2000.

However, one of the existing eligible parties, the Rest of Canada (ROC) Party has withdrawn its application for registration and as of October 18, 2000, it is no longer eligible.

The *Canada Elections Act* requires me to contact the parties for the purpose of reallocating the 6 minutes originally allocated to the Rest of Canada (ROC) Party. However, given the fact that another eligible party has been added, with the same statutory entitlement of 6 minutes, I have determined that the most practical approach is simply to reallocate the 6 minutes from the Rest of Canada (ROC) Party to the Marijuana Party. This will then avoid the necessity of having a total allocation that exceeds 390 minutes, and all other allocations will stay the same as in my December 22, 1999 order.

The resulting allocation of paid time is therefore as attached in Schedule A. The effect of this on the free time allocation is attached as Schedule B.

I propose to incorporate these numbers in my Guidelines to be issued if and when a federal general election is called.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns with the foregoing.

Peter Grant
The Broadcasting Arbitrator

October 20, 2000

**Schedule A
Annexe A**

<i>Political Party/Parti politique</i>	<i>Number of Minutes: Seconds/ Nombre de minutes et de secondes</i>
Liberal Party of Canada/ Parti libéral du Canada	113:00
Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance/ L'Alliance réformiste conservatrice canadienne	59:30
Progressive Conservative Party of Canada/ Parti progressiste-conservateur du Canada	48:00
Bloc Québécois	40:30
New Democratic Party/ Nouveau Parti Démocratique	40:30
Natural Law Party of Canada/ Parti de la loi naturelle du Canada	17:00
The Green Party of Canada/ Le Parti Vert du Canada	15:30
Christian Heritage Party of Canada/ Parti de l'Héritage Chrétien du Canada	14:30
Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada/ Parti Marxiste-Léniniste du Canada	14:30
Canadian Action Party/ Parti action canadienne	14:30
Communist Party of Canada/ Parti communiste du Canada	6:00
Marijuana Party/ Parti Marijuana	6:00
TOTAL (ROUNDED/ARRONDI)	<hr/> 390:00

**Schedule B
Annexe B**

NETWORK/RÉSEAU

	CBC-TV SRC-TV CTV	CBC Radio One SRC Première chaîne	TVA TQS Radio-Média
<i>Political Party/Parti politique</i>			
Liberal Party of Canada/ Parti libéral du Canada	62	35	18
Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance/ L'Alliance réformiste conservatrice canadienne	33	18	9
Progressive Conservative Party of Canada/ Parti progressiste-conservateur du Canada	26	15	8
Bloc Québécois	22	12	6
New Democratic Party/ Nouveau Parti Démocratique	22	12	6
Natural Law Party of Canada/ Parti de la loi naturelle du Canada	9	5	3
The Green Party of Canada/ Le Parti Vert du Canada	9	5	2
Christian Heritage Party of Canada/ Parti de l'Héritage Chrétien du Canada	8	4	2
Marxist-Leninist Party of Canada/ Parti Marxiste-Léniniste du Canada	8	4	2
Canadian Action Party/ Parti action canadienne	8	4	2
Communist Party of Canada/ Parti communiste du Canada	3	2	1
Marijuana Party/ Parti Marijuana	3	2	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF MINUTES (ROUNDED) NOMBRE TOTAL DE MINUTES (ARRONDI)	214	120	62