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Dear Commissioner Stoddart:

Digital Rights Management (Federal Policy Issue)—OIPC File No. 23366

Thank you for sending me a copy of your November 24, 2004 letter to Phillipa Lawson, of the Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic, about the privacy implications of digital rights management.

I fully agree with your letter. My office would be very concerned about any legislation or policy that gives unjustified, privacy-invasive, surveillance powers to digital copyright holders. It is important to protect copyright, but that protection must be carefully designed to protect legitimate privacy interests

I welcome the news that you have directed your staff to initiate a dialogue with Heritage Canada and Industry Canada officials on this issue and look forward to the outcome of the dialogue.

Please do not hesitate to call on us if we can be of any assistance on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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Information and Privacy Commissioner
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