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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Mr. Lui Temelkovski has kindly forwarded to the Honourable Joe Volpe, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, a copy of your letter of April 11, 2005, concerning your citizenship status.

Very little can be added to what was said in our response of February 16, 2005. Before the coming into force of the 1947 *Canadian Citizenship Act*, there were no "Canadian" citizens. Persons who resided in Canada prior to January 1, 1947, were British citizens.

When the 1947 *Act* came into force, it contained many provisions for the automatic granting of Canadian citizenship. Unfortunately, you do not fall under the provision that gave citizenship to those who were born to Canadian soldiers stationed overseas, as your parents were not married at the time you were born, and your mother was a British subject.

If you wish to become a Canadian citizen, you must first apply for permanent residence in Canada. If you meet all the legislative requirements, a visa will be issued. You will then be able to apply for citizenship as soon as you meet the residency obligation.

Thank you for having taken the time to write.

Sincerely,

L. Arseneau
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cc: The Office of Mr. Lui Temelkovski, M.P.

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