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Advisory Committee on Women's Studies Department of Physical Education and Sport Studies Edmonton, Alberta T6E 2H9

Dear Members:

I am pleased to invite you to submit the names of one or more nominees for the 1987 Persons Awards.

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The Persons Award is given in recognition of outstanding social, economic or legal contributions made by Canadians toward improving the status of women. An engraved medal representing the five Albertan women named above is presented to each recipient at a ceremony held every fall in Ottawa.

Selection criteria and nomination instructions for the Persons Awards are attached. All documents are to be submitted to Status of Women Canada by April 15, 1987. A national selection committee will examine all nominations and choose the recipients.

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I look forward to your continued cooperation in submitting names of people from your region or your organization who have devoted time, talent and energy to improving the status of women.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures

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#### CRITERIA

- 1. Candidates for this award must be Canadian citizens.
- Candidates must have worked much of their lives to improve the status of women, and not necessarily have been recognized for their accomplishments.
- Candidates must have actively given of their time, talent and energy in working for changes in the social, economic and/or legal status of women.
- Candidates must have undertaken activities on behalf of women on a mostly volunteer basis.
- 5. Candidates must be past mid-career -- 60 years of age and over.
- N.B. Groups are not acknowledged as candidates. There are no posthumous awards.

The following are not eligible: Senators, Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Legislatures and Territorial Councils, and Judges.

#### NOMINATION PROCEDURE

Nominations should be typed and sent no later than April 15, 1987, using the attached form. The following guidelines will help you to provide the kind of information needed in order to facilitate the selection process:

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### Part I - General Information

It is important to fill out this section completely, including the date of birth, as well as to indicate if honours and decorations have been previously received.

#### Part II - Involvement in Status of Women Activities

For candidates who have worked on behalf of women through groups and organizations, indicate for each activity the following information:

- the precise function and role of the candidate within the group or organization, so as to indicate the level of responsibility and leadership assumed; and
- the time spent within the group or organization.

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## 1987 PERSONS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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Part III - Reasons for Nomination

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