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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

c.c.: Janice Charette

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**2021 FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN**

(For Information)

**SUMMARY**

- [Redacted] which indicates that a [Redacted]  
[Redacted] A copy of the report is included in **Tab A**.

- [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

- PCO will provide you further updates as more information is received.

[APG]

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**Background**

- [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

[Redacted] reported [Redacted]  
[Redacted] federal election campaign to the Panel of  
Five on August 23, 2021. On September 12, 2021, [Redacted] briefed  
cleared Liberal Party representatives on this issue, [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

**Considerations**

- [Redacted]

[APG]

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- [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

**PCO Comment**

- On May 23, 2023, the Right Honourable David Johnston, Independent Special Rapporteur on Foreign Interference, provided his interim report outlining recommendations on protecting and enhancing Canadians' faith in Canada's electoral system. The second phase of his mandate will include public hearings on the governance and policy issues identified to date, which are set to begin in summer 2023. You have tasked Mr. Johnston to complete his work, including the submission of a final report, by October 31, 2023.
- It can, at times, be difficult to distinguish between malicious foreign interference and legitimate foreign influence. Public Safety Canada (PS) and PCO are working to provide briefings to Members of Parliament, Senators, and their staff, with more information on the threats, and advice on what to do if they feel that they are subjects of foreign interference.

- [Redacted]

Jody Thomas

**Attachments**

[Redacted] Chayer/ [Redacted]