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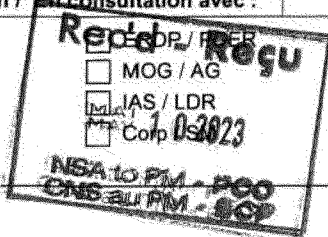
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

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**STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE AWARENESS OF INTELLIGENCE
REPORTS RELATED TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT**

(Information Only)

SUMMARY

- The Security and Intelligence Community is taking steps to ensure that you, your office, and Ministers are proactively made aware of intelligence reports related to Members of Parliament (MPs).
- As an interim and immediate first step, going forward, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) will notify the Privy Council Office (PCO) of any intelligence report related to Members of Parliament. PCO will then convene relevant deputy heads to discuss the report, and consider possible recommendations for response. Subsequently PCO will advise you or your office.
- Recommendations are being developed on a more permanent approach to elevating such intelligence reports. Additionally, there are efforts ongoing to enhance the coordination and dissemination of intelligence, including a standardized process to bring intelligence to Cabinet's attention.

Background

- PCO, in collaboration with CSIS and CSE, is taking a number of steps in response to your direction to elevate any intelligence reports highlighting threats to MPs and/or their families.
- As an interim immediate step, CSIS and CSE will notify PCO of any intelligence reports related to an MP.
- PCO will then convene relevant deputy heads to discuss the intelligence report and decide how to best respond through coordinated operational, enforcement, or policy action.

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- Subsequently, you and your office will be notified of the report, including recommendations on possible actions to take in response.
- To note, and as part of implementing your direction, CSIS has searched its holdings for MPs referenced in existing intelligence reporting. PCO is now in receipt of this list of MPs, and will provide advice on next steps under separate cover.

PCO Comment

- Public Safety Canada is currently developing options for a more sustainable and permanent approach to ensure that you, your office, and relevant Ministers are properly briefed on threat information regarding MPs and/or their families.
- In parallel, PCO is developing a strategy to enhance the development and dissemination of intelligence as a whole. Specifically, analysis is underway to:
 - *Enhance intelligence support to Cabinet and Ministers*, including by potentially bringing intelligence reports and assessments to Cabinet and/or Cabinet Committees, and by better integrating intelligence into Cabinet business;
 - *More consistently disseminate intelligence reports across Government*, including to Ministers and their teams, and to develop clear criteria and mechanisms to “flag” particularly relevant intelligence reports to Ministers; and
 - *Improve coordination among intelligence agencies, policy organizations, and operations centres* to ensure that intelligence is more consistently accompanied by appropriate and actionable advice, and incorporated into policy development and operational planning.



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