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Minister LeBlanc,

I am writing further to my letter from June 30, 2023, which presented the preliminary conclusions of the Deputy Minister Committee on Intelligence Response (DMCIR) with respect to foreign interference in the by-elections held on June 19, 2023.

As noted in my previous letter, during the by-election period, the Security and Intelligence Threats to Elections Task Force (SITE) provided enhanced monitoring and assessment of foreign interference threats directed towards the by-elections, and kept DMCIR informed through written reports and verbal briefings.

As instructed in your May 16, 2023, announcement, SITE has now completed two reports - one classified and one unclassified - consisting of the Task Force's assessment of any attempts at foreign interference targeting the June 19, 2023, by-elections.

It is my pleasure to provide you with copies of these reports (enclosed), which note that SITE did not observe any indication of foreign interference directed at the by-elections. The reports also note that no cyber incidents were detected to suggest that any foreign state actors were specifically targeting Elections Canada in the lead up to the by-elections, and that SITE did not observe any threats of violent extremism directed at the by-elections.

If additional information regarding foreign interference in the by-elections comes to light, I will provide you with updated analysis at the earliest opportunity.

Yours Sincerely,

Jody Thomas

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