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SECRET**MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER****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 and Ministers are proactively made aware of intelligence reports related to Members of Parliament.
- As an interim, immediate first step, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) will notify the National Security and Intelligence Advisor (NSIA) of any such report. The NSIA will then, within a week or faster if required, bring forward the report to an interdepartmental Deputy Minister committee to discuss an appropriate response and advice. The report and related advice will then be communicated to you in writing.
- Advice and options are being developed on a more permanent approach to elevating such intelligence reports, as well as on other improvements to enhance the coordination and dissemination of intelligence, and a standardized process to bring intelligence to Cabinet's attention.

Background

- The NSIA, in collaboration with CSIS and CSE, is taking a number of steps in response to your direction to elevate any intelligence reports highlighting concerns about Members of Parliament and their families.
- As an interim, immediate step, CSIS and CSE will notify the NSIA of any intelligence report related to a Member of Parliament.
- The NSIA will then, within a week or faster depending on the nature of the threat, bring forward the report to the Deputy Minister Committee on Intelligence Response (DMCIR), which will discuss the intelligence

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report and decide how to best respond through coordinated operational, enforcement, or policy action.

- The report and related advice will then be communicated to you in writing in a timely manner.
- As part of this operationalization of your direction, CSIS has searched its holdings and created a list of Members of Parliament referenced in existing intelligence reporting. We are now in receipt of this list, and will provide advice on next steps under separate cover.

PCO Comment

- CSIS and Public Safety Canada are currently developing options and advice on a more sustainable and permanent approach to ensure that you and relevant Ministers are properly briefed on threat information on Members of Parliament and their families.
- In parallel, the NSIA is developing options and advice 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 of horizontal relevance 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 and policy and operations centres* to ensure that intelligence is more consistently accompanied by appropriate advice, and incorporated into policy development and operational planning.

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