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IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO FOREIGN INTERFERENCE  
IN FEDERAL ELECTORAL PROCESSES AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

PUBLIC AFFIDAVIT OF “A CSIS EMPLOYEE”

I, “a CSIS Employee”, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, AFFIRM THAT:

1. In July 2024, I was examined by Counsel to the Public Inquiry into Foreign Interference in Federal Electoral Processes and Democratic Institutions (“Commission Counsel”) in my former capacity as Executive Assistant to Ms. Michelle Tessier, at the time the Deputy Director Operations of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (“CSIS”).
2. In advance of the Stage 2 public hearings, Commission Counsel prepared a public summary of this examination, which was reviewed for National Security Confidentiality (“NSC”).
3. In the course of the NSC review, some of the information was removed or summarized in order to protect the disclosure of information that could be injurious to the critical interests of Canada or its allies, national defence or national security.
4. I have reviewed the public summary of my examination, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit “A”** to this affidavit (the “Unclassified *In Camera* Examination Summary”).
5. The Unclassified *In Camera* Examination Summary contains an accurate account of publicly disclosable information that I provided to the Commission. I do not wish to make any changes, additions, or deletions to the Unclassified *In Camera* Examination Summary. Insofar as the Unclassified *In Camera* Examination Summary contains information provided by other examined participants, that information is accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
6. I adopt the contents of the Unclassified *In Camera* Examination Summary ascribed to me as part of my evidence before the Commission.

AFFIRMED before me in the City of Ottawa,  
in the Province of Ontario on November 1, 2024.

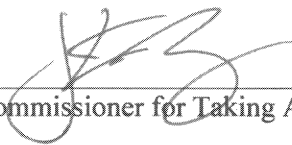


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This is **Exhibit "A"** to the  
Public Affidavit of "a CSIS Employee",  
affirmed before me  
on November 1, 2024



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Enquête publique sur l'ingérence étrangère  
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## *In Camera* Examination Summary: A CSIS Employee

Commission Counsel examined a CSIS Employee during *in camera* hearings held in July and August 2024. Counsel for the Attorney General of Canada appeared on behalf of the Government of Canada and had the opportunity to examine the witness. The hearing was held in the absence of the public and other Participants. This summary discloses the evidence that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, would not be injurious to critical interests of Canada or its allies, national defence or national security.

### Notes to Reader:

- \* Commission Counsel have provided explanatory notes in square brackets to assist the reader.

## 1. A Warrant

### 1.1 Examination by Commission Counsel

- [1] A CSIS Employee was examined on this issue by Commission Counsel.
- [2] Commission Counsel directed the witness to [a classified email from the affiant in the warrant application, expressing concerns].
- [3] The CSIS Employee testified having no recollection of this specific email or this specific warrant, prior to reviewing it in preparation for this hearing. The CSIS Employee was not involved in the details of the warrant.
- [4] The CSIS Employee stated that they were not aware of any operational frustrations in relation to the delay for Ministerial approval of the warrant. The CSIS Employee is unaware whether the issue had been directly raised with the Deputy Director of Operations at that point.

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## 1.2 Examination by the AG

- [5] The CSIS Employee did not recall the content of the email when they read it prior to testifying.
- [6] The CSIS Employee acknowledged that they were the executive assistant to Ms. Michelle Tessier, the DDO at that time.
- [7] The CSIS Employee's role at that time was to collect information and provide it back to the DDO. The CSIS Employee did so even in much less significant cases. Therefore, the CSIS Employee is very confident that they would have provided this information [the affiant email] to the DDO for her awareness and for any action that was required.