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The Honourable Charles D. Gonthier, C.C., Q.C.  
Communications Security Establishment Commissioner  
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Dear Mr. Gonthier:

I am writing to respond to your 12 March 2009 report entitled *A Review of Recommendation No. 1 from the January 2008 Review Report respecting CSEC's Ministerial Directive on the Collection and Use of Metadata: CSEC's [REDACTED] Network Analysis and Prioritization and [REDACTED] Activities.*

I appreciate that your office has taken the time and effort to follow-up on a previous recommendation from the 2008 Metadata Review Report which was not accepted by the Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC). I am pleased to note the review found that the network analysis and [REDACTED] activities conducted by [REDACTED] operators were authorized and complied with the law, and that "the activities involve a [REDACTED] risk to privacy."

I am pleased to note that the review did not result in any recommendations for further improving the examined processes or activities.

As always, the Chief CSEC is open to discussion with your office regarding any aspect of this review.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Peter G. MacKay, P.C., M.P.

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