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To: Chief, Communications Security Establishment

Ministerial Directive Communications Security Establishment Government of Canada Intelligence Priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-2013

Preamble

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This Directive is issued under my authority and provides direction t	o the Communications
Security Establishment (CSE) on Government of Canada intelligence	ce priorities for FY 2012-
2013, as approved by the Cabinet Confidence	This direction shall remain
effective until replaced by subsequent direction.	

Intelligence Priorities for FY 2012-2013

The following are the Government of Canada's intelligence priorities for FY 2012-2013, listed in order of importance, which shall be used by CSE to allocate resources and guide and refine foreign intelligence collection, collaboration and intelligence sharing in accordance with its legislative authority and limitations. In particular, the *National Defence Act* specifies that CSE shall not direct its foreign intelligence or information technology security activities at Canadians or any person in Canada. In instances where the priorities listed below reference domestic security concerns, CSE support will be limited to production of foreign signals intelligence acquired by targeting foreign communications.

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<u>Coordination</u>: CSE is directed to focus its intelligence collection activities on the priorities or sub-priorities noted above in accordance with its legislation. I also expect CSE to collaborate with other members of the security and intelligence community in order to avoid duplication of

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efforts and allow CSE to focus on those priorities and sub-priorities where it can derive the best results and bring the greatest value to the Government of Canada.

In the course of its mandated activities, CSE should also actively monitor and report on other issues to ensure Canada is aware of and can respond to other intelligence related to emerging events, opportunities, and crises.

I expect CSE to inform me of the work it has undertaken against the FY 2012-2013 priorities in its Annual Report and bring any substantive issues to my attention.

Dated at Allawa, Out this 20th day of Niember, 2012.

The Honourable Peter MacKay, P.C., M.P. Minister of National Defence

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