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The Honourable Robert Décary  
Communications Security Establishment Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Décary:

I am writing to respond to your 28 March 2013 letter reporting the results of your review of the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 activities conducted by the Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSEC) under foreign signals intelligence ministerial authorizations (SIGINT MAs).

I am pleased to note that your review found that CSEC's activities conducted under SIGINT MAs were authorized and that sufficient measures were in place to protect the privacy of Canadians. I am also pleased to note that you viewed the changes made by CSEC to its operational policies, practices and reporting, as positive measures to enhance the protection of the privacy of Canadians.

Thank you for advising me of the results of this review.

Sincerely,

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

cc: John Forster, Chief, Communications Security Establishment Canada

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