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The Honourable Jean-Pierre Plouffe Communications Security Establishment Commissioner 90 Sparks Street, Suite 730 P.O. Box 1984, Station B Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5B4

Dear Commissioner Plouffe:

I am writing in response to your letter dated 11 December 2014 on the results of your "spot check" review of recognized foreign signals intelligence private communications used or retained by the Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSB) during the period of 1 September 2014 to 15 October 2014.

I am pleased to note that during the course of the review, you confirmed that CSE activities were conducted in a manner compliant with the law and the protection of the privacy of Canadians. I am similarly pleased to note CSE's continued implementation of previous recommendations is positively reflected in this review.

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

Sincerely,

Hon. Rob Nicholson, PC, QC, MP

cc: John Forster, Chief, CSE

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