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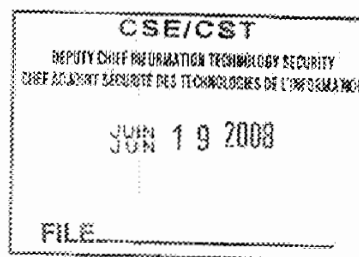
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1. DND/CF has, for a long time, been considered a high value target by cyber threat agents and more specifically foreign intelligence services. The first known attack of that sort came [REDACTED]. These cyber attacks continue today and it has been assessed that they will continue with greater volume, sophistication, and velocity for the foreseeable future. As such, more effective actions to mitigate against these constantly evolving threats should be seriously considered and initiated immediately.

2. The purpose of this letter is therefore to formally request technical advice, guidance and assistance from CSEC to help ensure the protection of DND/CF's information systems and electronic information against advanced cyber threats. Based on our requirements and initial discussions with your staff, this assistance would preferably be in the form of a [REDACTED] deployment. This new capability, now slated for initial deployment with DFAIT, could be either used as a complement to the existing [REDACTED] infrastructure or, more likely, as its eventual replacement.

3. In light of ongoing military operations around the world as well as the upcoming demand for information assurance and computer network defence leading up to and during the [REDACTED] I am convinced that [REDACTED] would greatly enhanced the existing DND/CF cyber security posture and position its CND staff to better prepare, detect, analyse, report, contain, eradicate and recover from a serious, sophisticated computer network exploitations or attack. I therefore look to CSEC for assistance in expediting the implementation of such an advanced cyber defence capability within DND/CF and in defining the support and information sharing mechanisms associated with its subsequent operations.

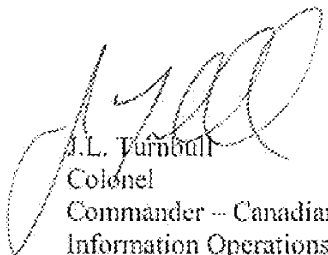
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4. I or my Commanding Officer of the Canadian Forces Network Operations Centre (CFNOC), Lieutenant Colonel Michel Drapeau, can be contacted to meet with you or your staff in order to further discuss our requirements and define the best approach to proceed as expeditiously as possible given other concurrent operational priorities.



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