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The Honourable Charles D. Gonthier, C.C., Q.C. Communications Security Establishment Commissioner 90 Sparks Street, Suite 730 Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5R5

Dear Mr. Gonthier:

I am writing to respond to your 19 November 2008 report, entitled *Disclosure of Information about Canadians to Government of Canada Clients*. I am pleased to note that during the course of the review you found that CSEC complied with the law, ministerial requirements, reporting requirements and operational policies.

I note that the review resulted in only positive findings and did not produce any recommendations for further improving the examined processes or activities. Since this review focused on one of the most important measures that CSEC has put in place to protect the privacy of Canadians, I was pleased the process was deemed fully satisfactory.

Sincerely,

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

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