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The Honourable Robert Décarie  
Commissioner of the Communications Security Establishment  
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Dear Commissioner Décarie,

I am writing to respond to your report of 15 March 2011 entitled *A Review of CSEC SIGINT's Targeting and Selector Management Activities*.

Since your appointment in June 2010, your legislated duty to review CSEC activities for their lawfulness has been a significant cornerstone of my accountability for the Establishment. For this reason, I am pleased to note that during the course of the review, you found that CSEC conducts its SIGINT targeting and selector management activities in accordance with the law and that sufficient policies and processes exist to satisfy CSEC's legal requirement not to direct its SIGINT interception activities at a Canadian or any person in Canada.

I understand that CSEC has accepted and will take measures to reinforce its current policy on [REDACTED] targeting in response to the recommendation contained in your report.

For your convenience, I have attached CSEC's management response to your recommendation. I trust the response will meet with your satisfaction. As always, the Chief of CSEC is open to discussion with your office regarding any aspect of this review.

Sincerely,

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

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**ANNEX to the Minister's Letter to the Commissioner**  
**Response to the Recommendations in the OCSEC Report**  
***A Review of CSEC SIGINT's Targeting and Selector Management Activities***

**Review Recommendation**

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**Recommendation no. 1:** "CSEC should provide specific guidance for [REDACTED] targeting."

**CSEC Management Response to Recommendation 1:**

**Accepted.** CSEC accepts this recommendation regarding the need for specific guidance in conducting [REDACTED] targeting activities and will incorporate this recommendation in its work plans.

**Timeline:** Barring any operational requirements or resource issues, it is anticipated that specific policy direction will be promulgated by the end of FY 2011-2012.