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The Honourable Ralph Goodale, P.C.
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
269 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa ON K1A 0P8

Dear Mr. Goodale,

Re: Review of CSIS's Threat Reduction Measures (SIRC Study 2017-16)

This report provides the results of the review by the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) of the use of threat reduction measures (TRMs) by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS). **Annex A** provides background information.

Pursuant to the *CSIS Act*, SIRC reviews each year "at least one aspect of the Service's performance in taking measures to reduce threats to the security of Canada." This year, SIRC reviewed six cases of TRMs for which single-use authority was provided between January 1, 2017, and October 31, 2017.

SIRC will examine one of the cases in the next cycle as it was not executed in 2017. Overall, SIRC found that the TRMs examined complied with the *CSIS Act*, ministerial direction and operational policies. Pursuant to subsection 53(2) of the *CSIS Act*, SIRC reported that there were no warrants issued under section 21.1 of the *CSIS Act*, nor was any application for warrant refused.

We would be pleased to discuss the Committee's conclusions with you.

Sincerely,

Pierre Blais, P.C.
Chair

c.c.: David Vigneault, Director of CSIS;

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Annex A

Background

The core period for this study was from January 1, 2017, to October 31, 2017, but (SIRC) reviewed documentation that fell outside this period in order to examine relevant issues comprehensively.

SIRC examined corporate and operational documentation related to the five cases of threat reduction measures (TRMs) reviewed, and received briefings from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) related both to specific cases and the process for generating and approving the measures. A summary of each of the cases is provided below, including for a sixth case that was deferred to next year.

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