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Majed El Shafie
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Dear Majed El Shafie:

The Office of the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, forwarded your correspondence dated November 30, 2022, concerning allegations of police stations with links to the Government of the People's Republic of China in Canada. I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Marco Mendicino, Minister of Public Safety, in my capacity as Associate Assistant Deputy Minister of the National and Cyber Security Branch of Public Safety Canada.

I want to begin by noting that there is no greater responsibility for the Government of Canada than to ensure its citizens and communities remain safe. Any report of harassment and intimidation of individuals in Canada is troubling and will not be tolerated. Where there is credible evidence of foreign interference, Canada's security and intelligence agencies use the full extent of their mandates to respond to these threats. The RCMP is currently investigating reports of criminal activity in relation to the so-called "police" stations. Given the ongoing investigation, no further information will be provided at this time.

The RCMP has a broad, multi-faceted mandate that allows it to investigate and disrupt foreign interference by drawing upon various legislative statutes with a view to laying charges under the *Criminal Code of Canada*. The RCMP also works closely with its security and intelligence partners to identify and protect those that may be experiencing harassment or intimidation, which may be at the direction of a foreign state. Furthermore, the RCMP works with police of local jurisdiction and other local enforcement to ensure that instances of harassment and intimidation, which are commonly reported at the local level, with potential links to national security, are considered by the RCMP's Federal Policing National Security program for investigation.

Additionally and in accordance with the *CSIS Act*, CSIS investigates threats which may, on reasonable grounds, be suspected of posing a threat to the security of Canada. This includes foreign influence activities within or relating to Canada that involve a threat to any person. CSIS may take measures to reduce threats to the security of Canada in accordance with well-defined legal requirements and Ministerial direction.

It is important for all members of the public to know that the Government of Canada has mechanisms in place to report foreign interference, including state-backed harassment, threats, and intimidation. If a member of the public feels that they are in immediate danger, they should call 911 or contact their local police. In addition to their local police, any individual in Canada who is concerned that they are being targeted by state and non-state actors for the purposes of foreign interference should contact the RCMP's National Security Information Network at 1-800-420-5805, or by email at **rcmp.nsin-risn.grc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca**.

Information related to foreign interference may also be reported to CSIS by contacting 1-800-267-7685, or by completing the web form at **www.canada.ca/en/security-intelligence-service/corporate/reporting-national-security-information.html** .

The Government of Canada remains committed to continuing to work with partners, both inside and outside the security and intelligence community, and with non-federal stakeholders to keep Canadians safe.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. Aubertin-Giguère', written in a cursive style.

Sébastien Aubertin-Giguère
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