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Minister LeBlanc,

I am writing further to your May 16, 2023, announcement of additional measures to protect the June 19, 2023, by-elections from foreign interference.

During the by-election period, the Security and Intelligence Threats to Elections Task Force (SITE) provided enhanced monitoring and assessment of foreign interference threats directed towards the by-elections, and kept the Deputy Minister Committee on Intelligence Response (DMCIR) informed through written reports and verbal briefings.

As Chair of DMCIR, it is my pleasure to report that based on the SITE Task Force reporting, it is the Committee's preliminary assessment that the SITE Task Force did not observe incidents of foreign interference that threatened Canada's ability to have a free and fair election during the by-election period.

I would be happy to arrange a briefing for you on these issues at your convenience.

SITE will continue its formal analysis of available intelligence. If additional information comes to light, I will provide you with updated analysis at the earliest opportunity.

As noted in the May 16, 2023, announcement, SITE will produce both a classified and an unclassified report consisting of the Task Force's assessment of any attempts at foreign interference targeting the June 19, 2023, by-elections. These reports will be made available as soon as possible.

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Yours Sincerely,

Jody Thomas

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