



COMPLIANCE OR ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Protégé A

DATE : January 8, 2020
TO : CCE
C.C. :
FROM : [REDACTED]
REF : File : 2019-1329 and 2019-1329-1 to 28

I. Background/Issue:

Date received : October and November 2019
 Complainant : Various complainants
 ED: Various EDs
 Alleged offence : Section 282.4, Undue influence by foreigners

Details :

In all 29 complaints were received during GE43 referring to media and open source information that former President OBAMA had publicly endorsed Justin TRUDEAU as a candidate. Other complaints was about Greta THUNBERG and her endorsement to support pro-environment political parties.

File #	Date of complaint	Complainant	Nature of complaint	Action taken
2019-1329	2019-10-16	[REDACTED]	Ask a question. Does the OBAMA Twitter endorsement of TRUDEAU constitute foreign interference.	2020-01-07: contacted phone number provided which is a general number for [REDACTED] Otherwise the complainant has not been identified, therefore could not be notified of our actions.
2019-1329-1	2019-10-16	[REDACTED]	OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU; Greta	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under

			THUNBERG protesting against Alberta and Canadian oil and gas. Medium: Twitter.	Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter. ✓
2019-1329-2	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU; allegation that this endorsement was solicited by Liberal party itself.	2020-01-07: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Complainant was advised by telephone. ✓
2019-1329-3	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on various media.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter. ✓
2019-1329-4	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter and CBC News.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter. ✓
2019-1329-5	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU. COM wished to ask whether or not this was authorized.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Complainant was advised by telephone. ✓
2019-1329-6	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Complainant was advised by voicemail, as the email provided was invalid. ✓
2019-1329-7	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response ✓



				sent to complainant as per template letter.
2019-1329-8	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter.
2019-1329-9	2010-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter.
2019-1329-10	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter and YouTube.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. <u>Complainant indicated that he preferred not to be contacted.</u>
2019-1329-11	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter.
2019-1329-12	2019-10-17		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter and CTV News.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter.
2019-1329-13	2019-10-17		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter. DUPLICATE FILE - See 2019-1329-12	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter.
2019-1329-14	2019-10-17		OBAMA endorsing	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under



			TRUDEAU.	Section 282.4. Complainant indicated that he wished to give an opinion or suggestion. As a result, he was not contacted. <i>OK</i>
2019-1329-15	2019-10-17		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU on Twitter. COM wished to ask whether or not this was authorized.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter. ✓
2019-1329-16	2019-10-17		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Complainant was advised by voicemail. ✓
2019-1329-17	2019-10-17		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU.	2020-01-09: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. More than six attempts were made to inform complainant by phone without any success. No option for telephone messages, nor was an email was provided. <i>OK</i>
2019-1329-18	2019-10-17		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on various media.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Complainant was advised by telephone. ✓
2019-1329-19	2019-10-16		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on Twitter. TRIPLICATE FILE - See 2019-1329-12 and 13.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter under files 2019-1329-12. ✓



			TRUDEAU as reported on radio and television.	Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Complainant indicated that he wished to give an opinion or suggestion. As a result, he was not contacted.
2019-1329-26	2019-11-02		Greta THUNBERG seemingly endorsing TRUDEAU. Medium: various on-line sources.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Complainant was advised by voicemail, as the email provided was invalid.
2019-1329-27	2019-11-05		OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU as reported on various on-line media.	2020-01-08: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter.
2019-1329-28	2019-11-01		Greta THUNBERG and President OBAMA endorsing TRUDEAU. Also mainstream media bias. Medium: various on-line sources.	2020-01-09: No offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4. Email response sent to complainant as per template letter.

II. Person(s) / entity (ies) of Interest:

Former President Barack OBAMA, and
Environmental activist Greta THUNBERG

III. Recommendation(s):

All complaints fell under the exceptions contained under section 282.4 CEA. All complainants were informed to this situation.



Section 282.4 (2) (a) spells out that in order to breach the CEA, the offender would have to ‘knowingly incur any expense’ or the act itself is deemed to be an offence under an Act of Parliament or a provincial statute. Furthermore, section 282.4 (3) provides three exceptions:

Exceptions Exceptions

(3) For greater certainty, subsection (1) does not apply if the only thing done by the person or entity to influence the elector to vote or refrain from voting, or to vote or refrain from voting for the particular candidate or registered party, consists of

- (a) an expression of their opinion about the outcome or desired outcome of the election;
- (b) a statement by them that encourages the elector to vote or refrain from voting for any candidate or registered party in the election; or
- (c) the transmission to the public through broadcasting, or through electronic or print media, of an editorial, a debate, a speech, an interview, a column, a letter, a commentary or news, regardless of the expense incurred in doing so, if no contravention of subsection 330(1) or (2) is involved in the transmission.

Given these circumstances, I recommend to close this file (master file) and all other 28 sub-files 1 to 28 (paperless) without any further action.

File closing status:

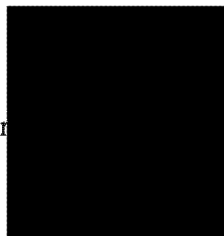
File status:

1 No offence The conduct does not relate to an offence under the Act.

❖ Recommended by



Signature



Date 2020-01-09

IV. Notes/comments by Director of Investigations:

❖ Recommended by _____ Signature _____ Date _____



V. Notes/comments by Legal Services:

[i.e., this can include any comments or changes (updates) by Legal Services on the initial recommendation, etc.]

❖ Created by _____ Signature _____ Date _____

VI. Approval

❖ Approved by Commissioner _____ Signature _____ Date _____



File Referral Record

File Number:	2019-1329	Referred By:	Mylène Gigou
Date:	2020-01-10	Referred To:	Yves Côté
Time:	02:49:53 PM		

Necessary Action:

Commissioner,

I recommend that this master file and all related sub-files (1 to 28) be closed status 1 no offence. Complainants have been notified using template language approved during the election period. Updated template language has recently been prepared and approved by legal services and yourself [redacted] (s file). However, [redacted] was not aware of this updated text. As such, all complainants, except 1, were advised of file closure using previous pre-approved template text. I intercepted one formal letter today, which had not yet been sent and updated the text.

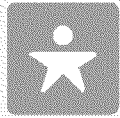
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Intake

Reference Number

1BOSPPAS

Import Source

Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 3:43:10 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To ask a question

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Is this a case of foreign election interference?

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/obama-trudeau-endorsement-1.5323097>

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[Redacted]

First Name

[Redacted]

Last Name

[Redacted]

Home Phone

[Redacted]

Province/Territory

[Redacted]

Postal Code

[Redacted]



Politics

Barack Obama tweets endorsement of Justin Trudeau



Move by former American president may be unprecedented in Canadian politics

[Aaron Wherry](#) · CBC News · Posted: Oct 16, 2019 2:25 PM ET | Last Updated: October 16, 2019



Former U.S. president Barack Obama (left) dined with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at Montreal's Liverpool House in June 2017. (Justin Trudeau/Twitter)

[comments](#)



Former president Barack Obama has tweeted an endorsement of Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau and says he hopes Canadians give Trudeau "another term" in office.

"I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President," Obama wrote on Wednesday afternoon. "He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term."

The endorsement of a former American president is a rare — and possibly unprecedented — event in Canadian politics. But this is the second time Obama has spoken up to endorse an international leader since he left office. In May of 2017, Obama recorded a video in which he endorsed Emmanuel Macron for the French presidency.

While it remains to be seen what impact, if any, Obama's endorsement might have on the Canadian electorate, the Liberal party has already touted his tweet to supporters in a fundraising appeal that was sent out on Wednesday afternoon.

At a campaign stop in Quebec Wednesday, Trudeau didn't answer a question about whether he or his team sought out the endorsement, saying only, "I appreciate the kind words and I'm working hard to keep our progress going."

Asked about the Obama tweet as he campaigned in Montreal, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh said he had a lot of respect for Obama but said "in this respect he's wrong."

"Mr. Trudeau has really let down people and consistently chosen to help out the powerful and the wealthy over Canadians," Singh said, replying "no" when asked whether he thought Obama's move would hurt the NDP campaign.

Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer was also asked about the endorsement during a campaign stop in Ancaster, Ont.

"I've got millions of Canadians like the ones here tonight behind me. I'm not very interested in what former foreign leaders are saying," Scheer said. "I'm just focused on finishing this election strong and putting together and putting forward my plan to help Canadians get ahead."

Asked whether he thought Obama's tweet was appropriate, he said "I'll let Canadians be the judge of that," adding he wouldn't speculate on why Obama made the endorsement.

'Inducements by non-residents'

But Conservative Sen. Denise Batters took to Twitter on Wednesday to say that Liberal changes to election laws allowed for Obama to make this sort of endorsement without finding himself on the wrong side of Canadian law.



Sen. Denise Batters
@denisebatters

Guess this was Gerry Butts' plan when the Trudeau government repealed section 331 of the Canada Elections Act last year with Bill #C76:
 "No person who does not reside in Canada shall, during an election period, in any way induce electors to vote or refrain from voting..." 1/2 [twitter.com/BarackObama/st...](https://twitter.com/BarackObama/status/1171111111)



Barack Obama @BarackObama

I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term.

478 1:38 PM - Oct 16, 2019

308 people are talking about this

In the last Parliament, the government introduced Bill C-76, which amended the Canada Elections Act and the provisions that prohibited "inducements by non-residents" during a campaign.

In a previous version of the Elections Act, under section 331, it was forbidden for any non-Canadian citizen or permanent resident to "induce electors to vote or refrain from voting for a particular candidate."

The Liberal changes kept much of the same but allowed some exceptions.

The law became more sharply focused on foreigners who spend money to try to "unduly influence an elector."

The new act allows for foreigners to express an opinion "about the outcome or desired outcome of the election" or to make a statement supporting one registered political party over another — as long as they do not "knowingly incur any expense."

However, it is unlikely that Obama would have run afoul of the previous law in any case.

As was widely reported at the time, British comedian John Oliver made a show of trying to breach Section 331 during the 2015 election, prompting an Elections Canada spokesperson to tell The Canadian Press: "To induce there must be a tangible thing offered. A personal view is not inducement."

Close relationship between leaders

Obama and Trudeau developed a close relationship while Obama was president. He hosted Trudeau for a state dinner at the White House in March 2016.

During that visit, Obama also publicly linked his own politics and agenda with that of the prime minister.

"We've got a common outlook on what our nations can achieve together," Obama said. "He campaigned on a message of hope and of change. His positive and optimistic vision is inspiring young people. At home, he's governing with a commitment to inclusivity and equality. On the world stage, his country is leading on climate change and he cares deeply about development.

"So, from my perspective, what's not to like?"

Their last in-person meeting as president and prime minister occurred at the APEC summit in Peru in November 2016, shortly after Donald Trump won that year's American presidential election. Obama again publicly praised Trudeau before that meeting, but then privately told Trudeau that his leadership would be needed.

"Justin, your voice is going to be needed more," Obama said, according to an account first published in *The World As It Is*, a book by Ben Rhodes, a former foreign policy adviser to the

president. "You're going to have to speak out when certain values are threatened."

During that same meeting, Obama told Trudeau to "hold the top of the hill" — apparently a reference to maintaining a foothold for progressive politics against the rise of populism and nationalism.

The personal association continued after Obama left office in January 2017.

Trudeau and Obama had dinner in Montreal in June 2017 and then met again in Ottawa in June 2019.

With files from the CBC's John Paul Tasker and Olivia Stefanovich

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Barack Obama a-t-il fait de l'ingérence en appuyant Justin Trudeau?

by: Isabelle Porter

En donnant son appui à Justin Trudeau, Barack Obama a-t-il fait de l'ingérence politique et porté atteinte à la souveraineté canadienne ? Le Polygraphe du Devoir s'est penché sur la question.

Élections Canada a déjà indiqué que cela n'enfreignait pas la **Loi électorale** et que cela relevait de la liberté d'opinion. Mais encore ? " C'est audacieux, mais ce n'est pas de l'ingérence ", selon Louis Balthazar, spécialiste de la politique américaine et professeur émérite de l'Université Laval.

" Il y aurait ingérence si c'était un président en fonction. Obama n'est responsable de rien à l'heure actuelle. [...] Un citoyen américain a le droit d'exprimer son opinion. "

Depuis mercredi, plusieurs voix se sont élevées pour dénoncer le tweet de l'ex-président Obama, dans lequel il invite les Canadiens à voter pour Justin Trudeau.

I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term. -- Barack Obama (@BarackObama) October 16, 2019

Le décrivant comme un " dirigeant travailleur et efficace qui s'attaque à d'importants enjeux, comme les changements climatiques ", M. Obama a aussi écrit que " le monde " avait " besoin de son leadership progressiste en ce moment ". " J'espère que nos voisins du nord vont le soutenir pour un nouveau mandat ", a-t-il conclu.

Relayé par des milliers de militants libéraux, le tweet a notamment été critiqué par Ian Brodie, un ancien chef de cabinet de Stephen Harper, qui a écrit sur Twitter qu'il s'agissait " d'ingérence étrangère ".

Au Québec, l'adjoint parlementaire de François Legault, Christopher Skeete, a répondu à Barack Obama qu'il " apprécierait " que les **élections** canadiennes soient " seulement " le choix des Canadiens au même titre que les présidentielles de 2016 l'ont été pour les Américains.

Pour Louis Balthazar, toute comparaison avec le " Vive le Québec libre ! " de De Gaulle, par exemple, ou avec le rôle joué par la Russie dans **l'élection** à la présidence de Donald Trump est sans fondement. " De Gaulle était le président de la France en exercice ", rappelle notamment le professeur.

19/10/2019

Barack Obama a-t-il fait de l'ingérence en appuyant Justin Trudeau?

Il n'en demeure pas moins que " c'est assez rare ", note-t-il, même si, dans l'histoire des relations entre le Canada et les États-Unis, " on a pu sentir dans bien des cas des préférences ". " En général, les démocrates ont favorisé le **Parti libéral** ", mentionne notamment le professeur.

Avec La Presse canadienne

2019 Le Devoir

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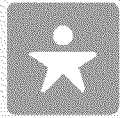
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Date:	2020-01-20		
Time:	01:33 PM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. No response provided to complainant ██████. as ██████ could not be identified.
2. A note in the recommendation report documents investigator's attempt to reach the complainant
3. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number

PIIM4FFM

Import Source

Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 5:05:40 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A third party

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Barack Obama. Foreign interference publicly endorsing Trudeau

Greta Thunberg protesting against Alberta and Canadian Oil & Gas. Foreign interference blatantly against Conservatives

Incident date

2019-10-16T14:30:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

We are being interfered with by foreign entities during our election 2019. This is unacceptable. Whether by a foreign teenager and/or a former US president. We don't need their opinions right now. None of these foreign voices should be allowed during our election.

Will you investigate who is behind bringing Greta Thunberg in to Canada during our election?

Will you investigate who encouraged Obama to make a public endorsement for Trudeau during our election?

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email address

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

Province/Territory

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

How would you like us to contact you?

Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-1
Date: 8 janvier 2020 13:20:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 16, 2019 concerning the involvement of President Obama and Greta Thunberg in the Canadian electoral process, through their participation in their messages supporting a candidate or favouring a political party.

The Commissioner of Canada Elections (Commissioner) is responsible for ensuring that the *Canada Elections Act* (the Act) is complied with and enforced.

Foreign interference in the Canadian electoral process can pose a serious threat to our democracy. All allegations of wrongdoing on the part of a foreign person or entity are taken seriously and are carefully examined to determine whether they fall within the Commissioner's mandate.

The provisions surrounding foreign interference are quite complex. In brief, the Act prohibits foreign persons or entities from participating in elections and incurring expenses for regulated activities that take place during the election period. However, and notably for the purposes of your complaint, there is no contravention of the Act if the foreign person or entity does not knowingly incur any expense in their activity of influencing electors to vote or not vote for a candidate, registered party, or its leader.

Furthermore, there are a number of elements – primarily those that help foster a healthy debate – that are not considered an offence under the Act. For example, foreigners are free to express an opinion about the outcome or desired outcome of the election; make a statement encouraging electors to vote or not to vote for a candidate or a registered party in the election; or share an editorial, speech, interview, column, letter, commentary or news.

In light of the above, we have reviewed the information you provided and concluded that the circumstances as described do not contravene any provision of the Act. As such, the matter cannot be pursued by our Office.

Thank you for your interest in the electoral process. For more information about the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections, please visit our website at: www.cef-ccc.ca.

Yours truly,



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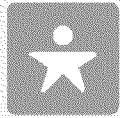
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	10:51 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number

N305PVII

Import Source

Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 5:31:23 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A political party

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Liberal Party, Justin Trudeau, Gerald Butts, Kathie Telford or others in Liberal party and

President Obama

Incident date

2019-10-16T13:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

President Obama Twitter account

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

President Obama used his Twitter account to endorse PM Justin Trudeau. If Justin Trudeau solicited said support, he broke the Elections Act regarding foreign influence. This requires investigating. Did government property I.e government phone was used to contact President Obama. If social media or other was used to solicit this endorsement, that is also illegal. Former President of the US still hold the title of President. Trudeau solicited the foreign interference of a foreign leader. This needs to be denounced right away. I will also advise the media

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Province/Territory

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

How would you like us to contact you?

[REDACTED]

Telephone Call Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-2	Event Date:	2020-01-07 04:00 PM
Date:	2020-01-08	Contact:	██████████
Time:	01:56:23 PM	Phone Number:	██████████
Staff Member:	██████████	In / Out:	<input type="radio"/> In <input checked="" type="radio"/> Out

Summary:

Complainant was informed that there is no offence. Activity is not prohibited under Section 282.4.

█████ alleged a potential conspiracy in that someone associated with the Liberal party deliberately sought out President OBAMA's support and influence with the objective of generating additional votes for the Liberal party. Complainant's view is an hypothesis only and █████ has no facts in support. That being the case, there are no leads, nor sufficient substance to pursue this matter any further.

Complainant is a current ██████████. █████ understand the specificity of the CEA legislation and concurs that there is no substance to follow up any further. █████ is satisfied of our actions.

Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-2	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:11 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Complainant was informed via telephone on 2020-01-07.
2. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number

B1P12WSP

Import Source

Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 6:06:37 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A candidate

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Is Barack Obama tweet of endorsement for Justin Trudeau considered interference in our election, seeing as he is a former president of the United States and friendly to the Liberal cause.

Incident date

2019-11-16T12:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Other

Please specify other locations

Reported by most news outlets including the CBC our public broadcaster and Huffington Post, both lead stories so close to the election and when the Conservatives are leading in the polls now. Trying to influence voters is not right from a foreign power as he was a sitting president.

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Move by former American president may be unprecedented in Canadian politics
 Aaron Wherry · CBC News · Posted: Oct 16, 2019 2:25 PM ET | Last Updated: an hour ago

POLITICS

10/16/2019 14:02 EDT | Updated 39 minutes ago

Barack Obama Endorses Justin Trudeau's Liberals For Re-Election

The former U.S. president called the Liberal leader a "hard-working, effective leader."

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email address

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

██████

How would you like us to contact you?

I prefer not to be contacted

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-3
Date: 8 janvier 2020 14:08:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED],

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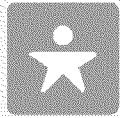
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:41 AM		

Note:

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STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
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Intake

Reference Number

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Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 4:38:20 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Foreign broadcasting

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A third party

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Ex President Barack Obama endorsed the P.M. in a tweet today. Barack Obama is not a Canadian citizen and has no expectation of benefit from whichever Political Party wins ie reduced taxes or a an improved climate change plan. Therefore the Ex President is using his previous political office to directly try to influence Canadians ahead of the October 21st, 2019 election. This is prohibited under the Canadian Elections Act because as the [REDACTED] [REDACTED], so to is a former U.S. President prohibited from influencing the Canadian electorate and election process with an endorsement via Twitter. The Ex President can have an opinion on the Canadian

Election he just cannot state it publicly, as if it is a press release from the White House.Thank you.

Incident date

2019-10-16T10:16:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Other

Please specify other locations

Twitter and reported on the CBC news at noon in Calgary.

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Check any online news channel or the Twitter page of the Ex President and there will be the evidence that supports my complaint.

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email address

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

████████

Province/Territory

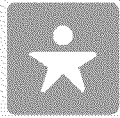
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Postal Code

████████

How would you like us to contact you?

Email



Intake

Reference Number

Import Source

Received Date

CYMP0F61

Complaint Web Form

10/16/2019 6:29:22 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To ask a question

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

With Barack Obama's tweet stating his endorsement of Justin Trudeau, wouldn't this be considered outside political interference? He may no longer be President but is still a polarizing figure this should be considered as interference. And if it is true that the Liberals requested this for their advantage isn't that breaking rules asking for outside interference? If it isn't it should be.

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

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Province/Territory

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Postal Code

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Telephone Call Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-5	Event Date:	2020-01-08 02:45 PM
Date:	2020-01-08	Contact:	██████████
Time:	02:53:31 PM	Phone Number:	██████████
Staff Member:	██████████	In / Out:	<input type="radio"/> In <input checked="" type="radio"/> Out

Summary:

Complainant was contacted by phone and informed that there was no breach of the Act as per exceptions noted under section 282.4. COM simply wished to ask the question whether or not Mr. OBAMA's endorsement was permissible by law. ██████ had been advised by email, presumably by EC, that it was permissible.

█████ understands the limitation of the law and is satisfied of our actions.

Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-5	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:46 AM		

Note:

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STEPS:

1. Complainant was informed via telephone on 2020-01-08.
2. File closed = Status 1.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-4
Date: 8 janvier 2020 14:25:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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File Number:	2019-1329-4	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:44 AM		

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Intake

Reference Number

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Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 6:51:06 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Foreign broadcasting

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A third party

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

I am greatly offended & frankly in disbelief that recent president Barack Obama of the United States is interfering in our electoral process by throwing his support on "Twitter" behind Mr Trudeau. His lack of judgement & diplomacy are staggering for a former president; whose country is continuously being threatened by foreign intervention in their political process. And yet, he thinks his meddling in ours is welcomed & benign! No matter which candidate he chooses to support, it is completely unacceptable, inappropriate & possibly an illegal act of foreign interference according to our election laws.

I would very much like elections Canada to investigate & if possible contact Mr Obama: Requesting that he retract his twitter comments & offer an apology to Canadians, who once believed in his integrity.

But in the meantime, he has overlooked allegations of Mr Trudeaus' wrongdoing as leader; that should be judged by Canadians alone. Or it is he who decides what is, or should be important to the electorate of this SOVEREIGN NATION. Please ask him to use the same discretion he demonstrates in lead up campaign for US Democratic Party leadership and butt out of our process. We Do Not need his perceived wisdom through political interference!

We, as a nation, need to object in the strongest voice; to maintain integrity in our electoral process & for the protection of our sovereignty.

Thank you for attention and hopefully action & a response

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Incident date

2019-10-16T01:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

BarackObama@twitter

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

My apologies but I have provided them in the upper most comments box & too

lengthy to retype here. Hope that is acceptable as I had first scrolled down.

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email address

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

City

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Postal Code

[REDACTED]

How would you like us to contact you?

Email

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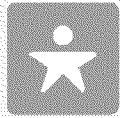
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:48 AM		

Note:

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STEPS:

1. Complainant was informed via voice mail on 2020-01-08.
2. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number

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Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 7:20:18 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

The media

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Former President Obama indorsed Justin Trudeau

Incident date

2019-10-16T00:58:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

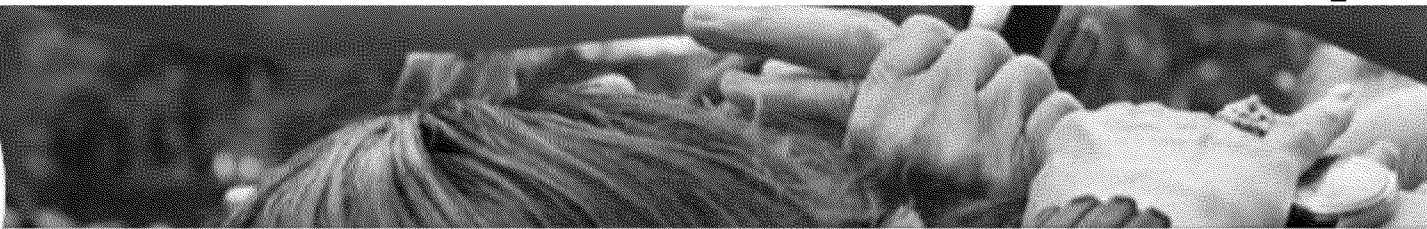
Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

How would you like us to contact you?

Email



Tweets
15.7K

Following
611K

Followers
109M

Likes
11

Lists
3

Barack Obama ✓

BarackObama

ad, husband, President, citizen.

Washington, DC

obama.org

Joined March 2007

Tweets

Tweets & replies

Media



Barack Obama ✓ @BarackObama · 5h

I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term.

16K

27K

171K

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-7
Date: 8 janvier 2020 15:16:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED]

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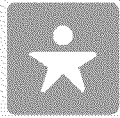
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Date:	2020-01-20		
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Reference Number

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Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 7:59:22 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A third party

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Barack Obama is posting tweets, supporting Justin Trudeau in the upcoming election.

This is deemed as public foreign interference and needs to stop.

Incident date

2019-10-16T11:58:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

//mobile.twitter.com/BarackObama/status/1184528998669389824

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

He has no right to blast his opinion on our elections!

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

██████████

First Name

██████████

Last Name

██████████

Email address

██

Home Phone

██████████████████

Cell Phone

██████████████████

Address line 1

██████████████████

City

██████████

Province/Territory

██████████

Postal Code



How would you like us to contact you?

Email



Recherche Twitter

Se connecter

S'inscrire



Barack Obama @BarackObama

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1:58 PM · 16 oct. 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

44,9 k Retweets 323,6 k J'aime



Rep. Steven Smith @RepStevenSmith · 16 oct. 2019
En réponse à @BarackObama
This Justin Trudeau?



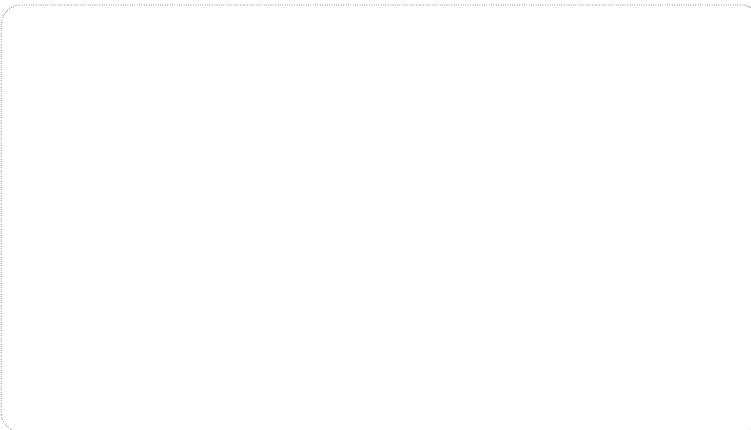
59 449 2,4 k

Ce Tweet a été publié par un compte qui n'existe plus. Learn more

3 réponses de plus



Steph - Text TRUMP to 88022 @steph93065 · 16 oct. 2019
En réponse à @BarackObama
Yea. Trudeau is a great dude.



Nouveau sur Twitter ?

Inscrivez-vous pour profiter de votre propre fil personnalisé !

S'inscrire

Personnes pertinentes



Barack Obama @BarackObama

Suivre

Dad, husband, President, citizen.

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Recherche Twitter

Se connecter

S'inscrire

07/01/2020

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Recherche Twitter

Se connecter

S'inscrire

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-8
Date: 8 janvier 2020 15:26:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED],

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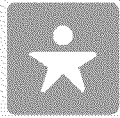
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Date:	2020-01-20		
Time:	11:17 AM		

Note:

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Intake

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Purpose

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 To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.
 Foreign broadcasting

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?
 October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?
 A candidate

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)
 . PM Trudeau

Incident date
 2019-10-16T00:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?
 Online

Please select the online source
 Twitter

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

PM Trudeau posted an endorsement by ex president Barack Obama. Stating he is the best candidate

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

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Email address

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Home Phone

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Postal Code

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How would you like us to contact you?

Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-9
Date: 8 janvier 2020 15:34:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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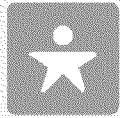
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Date:	2020-01-20		
Time:	11:19 AM		

Note:

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STEPS:

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Intake

Reference Number

TA8WPSX3

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Received Date

10/16/2019 8:47:15 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Foreign broadcasting

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A third party

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Barack Obama

Incident date

2019-10-16T00:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

You know which one I am talking about. A past president should not be weighing into an election. <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=6xok2tCpzo4>

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

[//m.youtube.com/watch?v=6xok2tCpzo4](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=6xok2tCpzo4)

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

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Last Name

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Email address

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Home Phone

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City

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Province/Territory

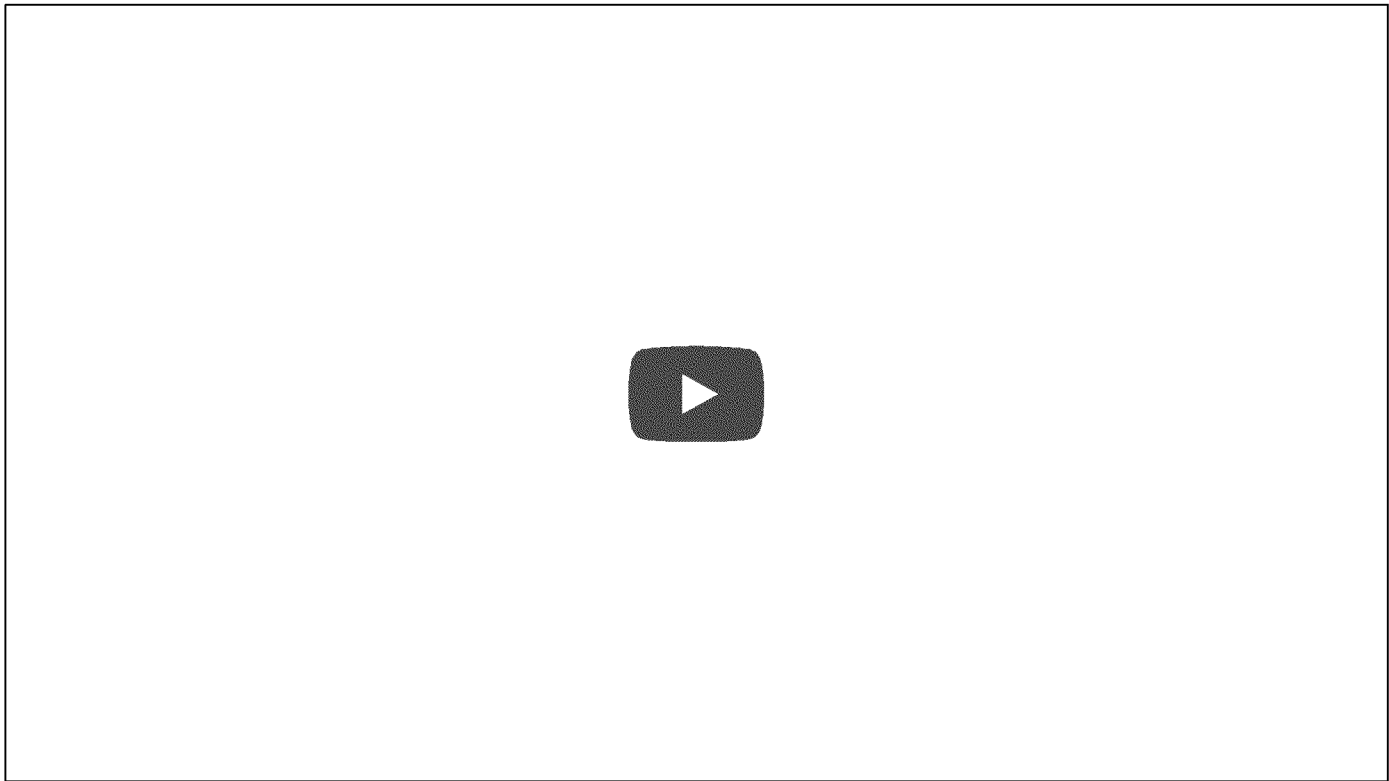
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Postal Code

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How would you like us to contact you?

I prefer not to be contacted



#cdnpoli #elxn43 #uspoli

Barack Obama takes to Twitter, urges Canada to re-elect Justin Trudeau

147 833 vues • 16 oct. 2019

876 likes, 1,9 K comments, PARTAGER, ENREGISTRER, and more options

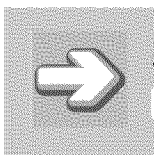


CTV News
281 k abonnés

S'ABONNER

Former U.S. President Obama urged Canadians to re-elect Justin Trudeau. Michel Boyer has the latest.

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"Obama out:" President Barack Obama's hilarious final White House correspondents' dinner speech

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412 k vues

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233 k vues

Iran abandons nuclear deal limits, after Trump tweets threats



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471 k vues

Nouveau

Obama surprises press secretary



CBC News ✓

2,2 M vues

Obama, Trudeau Trade Hockey Jabs at White House

AP Archive ✓

9 k vues

Trevor Noah Roasts The Trump Family | The Daily Show With Trevor Noah

Comedy Central UK ✓

997 k vues

Lawmakers grill Pompeo on Trump-Putin summit

Fox News ✓

6 M vues

Kevin O'Leary talks Justin Trudeau's biggest mistake

Kitco NEWS

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 SE CONNECTER

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1 528 commentaires  TRIER PAR

Ajouter un commentaire public...

**Krystyna Sosulski** il y a 2 mois

Shouldn't Obama stay away from Canadian election? It is not his business.

 373  RÉPONDRE

 Afficher les 11 réponses
**Jinjin** il y a 2 mois

Just funny that Obama would endorse Trudeau but not Biden lol.

 398  RÉPONDRE

 Afficher les 17 réponses
**Jesse Pinkman** il y a 2 mois

As I Canadian I think that he should mind his business. This is our election.

 369  RÉPONDRE

 Afficher les 34 réponses
**Anthony Quantrill** il y a 2 mois

Obama take your foreign interference somewhere else.

 287  RÉPONDRE

 Afficher les 2 réponses
**s gn** il y a 2 mois

A shameful thing from Obama to try and influence our election, imagine if Putin endorsed Hillary over him.

 119  RÉPONDRE

 Afficher la réponse
R. A. il y a 2 mois

If you cannot run on your track record but need celebrities around the world to prop you up, then know that you are a failure.

 216  RÉPONDRE

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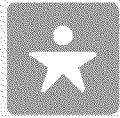
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	10:50 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. No response sent as the complainant requested not to be contacted.
2. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number

CER6207A

Import Source

Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 9:07:43 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A third party

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Former US President Barack Obama, Justin Trudeau, Liberal Party of Canada

Incident date

2019-10-16T11:58:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

//twitter.com/barackobama/status/1184528998669389824?s=21

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Former President of the USA, Barack Obama, formally endorsing Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party via Twitter and any other form of media or social media is a blatant sidestep of Bill C-76, the Elections Modernization Act: "Election advertising" includes publicly transmitted messages that promote or oppose a registered party or candidate during the election period – "issue advertising", advertising that takes a position on an issue with which a registered party or candidate is associated, is considered election advertising under the CEA.[11]

"Partisan advertising" includes publicly transmitted messages that promote or oppose a registered party or candidate during the pre-election period – "issue advertising" is not[12]. Due to Former President Obama's status and influence, this cannot be seen as anything other than foreign intervention in Canada's election mere days before we vote.

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

██████████

First Name

██████

Last Name

██████

Email address

██

Home Phone

████████████████

Province/Territory

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Postal Code

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How would you like us to contact you?

Email




Recherche Twitter

Se connecter

S'inscrire

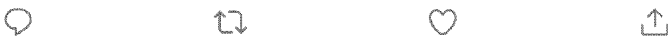


Barack Obama 
@BarackObama

I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term.

1:58 PM · 16 oct. 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

44,9 k Retweets 323,6 k J'aime



Rep. Steven Smith @RepStevenSmith · 16 oct. 2019
En réponse à @BarackObama
This Justin Trudeau?



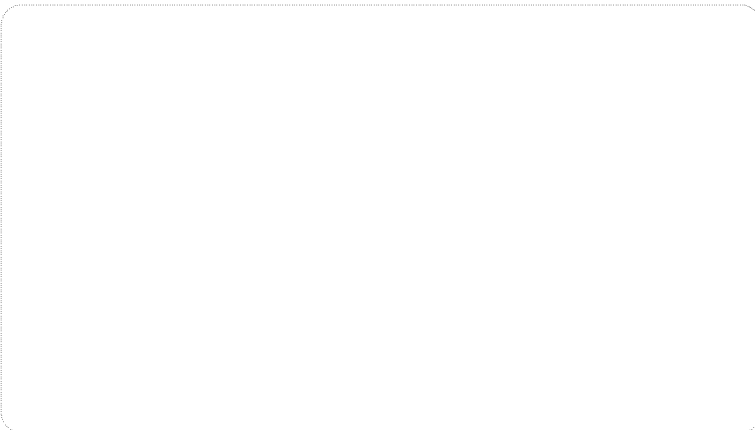
59 449 2,4 k

Ce Tweet a été publié par un compte qui n'existe plus. [Learn more](#)

3 réponses de plus



Steph - Text TRUMP to 88022 @steph93065 · 16 oct. 2019
En réponse à @BarackObama
Yea. Trudeau is a great dude.




Nouveau sur Twitter ?

Inscrivez-vous pour profiter de votre propre fil personnalisé !

S'inscrire

Personnes pertinentes



Barack Obama 
@BarackObama

Suivre

Dad, husband, President, citizen.

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Barack Obama sur Twitter : "I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on b..."



Recherche Twitter

Se connecter

S'inscrire

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Barack Obama sur Twitter : "I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on b..."



Recherche Twitter

Se connecter

S'inscrire

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-11
Date: 8 janvier 2020 15:48:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 16, 2019 concerning the involvement of President Obama in the Canadian electoral process, through his participation in his message supporting a candidate or favouring a political party.

The Commissioner of Canada Elections (Commissioner) is responsible for ensuring that the *Canada Elections Act* (the Act) is complied with and enforced.

Foreign interference in the Canadian electoral process can pose a serious threat to our democracy. All allegations of wrongdoing on the part of a foreign person or entity are taken seriously and are carefully examined to determine whether they fall within the Commissioner's mandate.

The provisions surrounding foreign interference are quite complex. In brief, the Act prohibits foreign persons or entities from participating in elections and incurring expenses for regulated activities that take place during the election period. However, and notably for the purposes of your complaint, there is no contravention of the Act if the foreign person or entity does not knowingly incur any expense in their activity of influencing electors to vote or not vote for a candidate, registered party, or its leader.

Furthermore, there are a number of elements – primarily those that help foster a healthy debate – that are not considered an offence under the Act. For example, foreigners are free to express an opinion about the outcome or desired outcome of the election; make a statement encouraging electors to vote or not to vote for a candidate or a registered party in the election; or share an editorial, speech, interview, column, letter, commentary or news.

Please note that election advertising and partisan advertising provisions do not apply to the object of your complaint.

In light of the above, we have reviewed the information you provided and concluded that the circumstances as described do not contravene any provision of the Act. As such, the matter cannot be pursued by our Office.

Thank you for your interest in the electoral process. For more information about the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections, please visit our website at: www.ccf-ccc.ca.

Yours truly,



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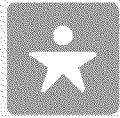
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	10:53 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number

RNVCVSAT

Import Source

Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/17/2019 8:02:50 AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A candidate

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Justin Trudeau, CTV News, Barack Obama

Incident date

2019-10-17T00:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Online news source

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

//www.ctvnews.ca/mobile/

https://election.ctvnews.ca/mobile/obama-weighs-in-on-canada-s-federal-election-backs-trudeau-1.4641296

https://www.ctvnews.ca/mobile/video?playlistId=1.4641448




Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Twitter?!?! "Obama urges Canadians to vote for....."

Further to my previous complaint, new headlines have cropped up on CTV News ref# SHD6KBKV

Include any documents or screen captures that you think might be helpful.

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Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

██████████

First Name

██████████████████

Last Name

██████████

Email address

██

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

Province/Territory

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

How would you like us to contact you?

Email

ELECTION 2019:
BREAKING NEWS, FEATURES
AND DAILY POLL RESULTS

COVERAGE

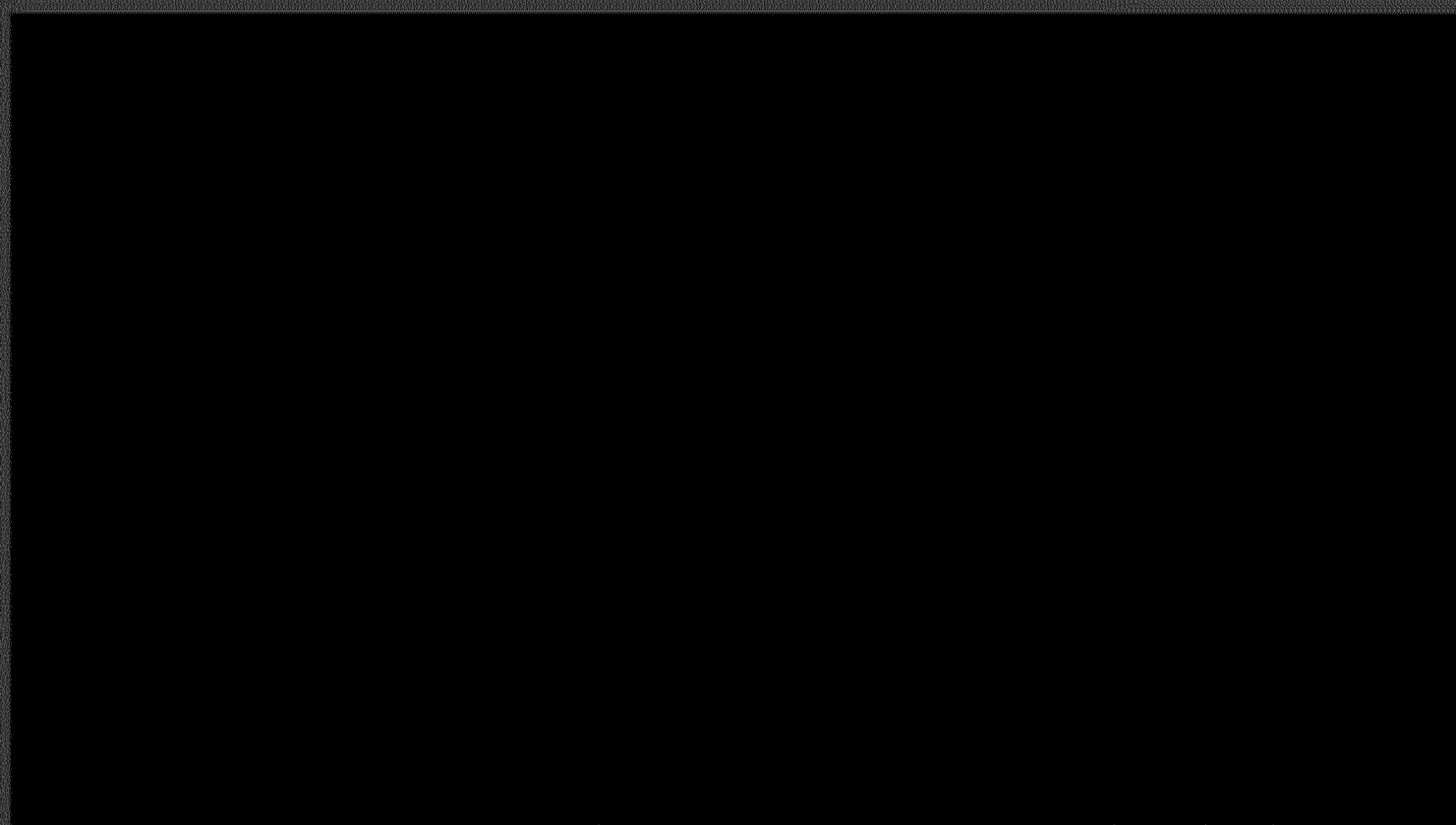
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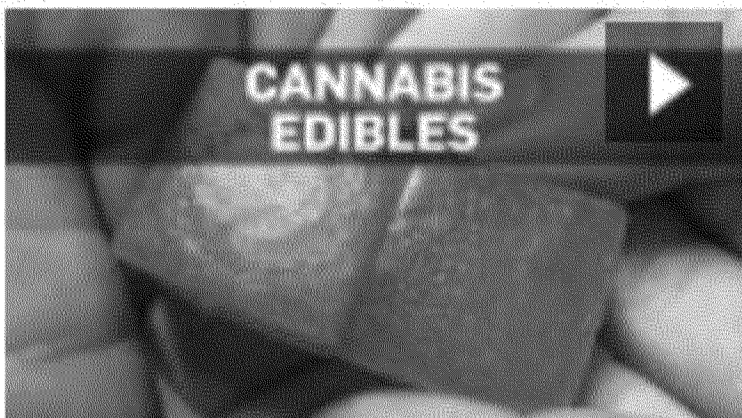
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- **Scheer answers question on Obama's endorsement**
- **Power Play: Powers on Obama, Trump and politics**
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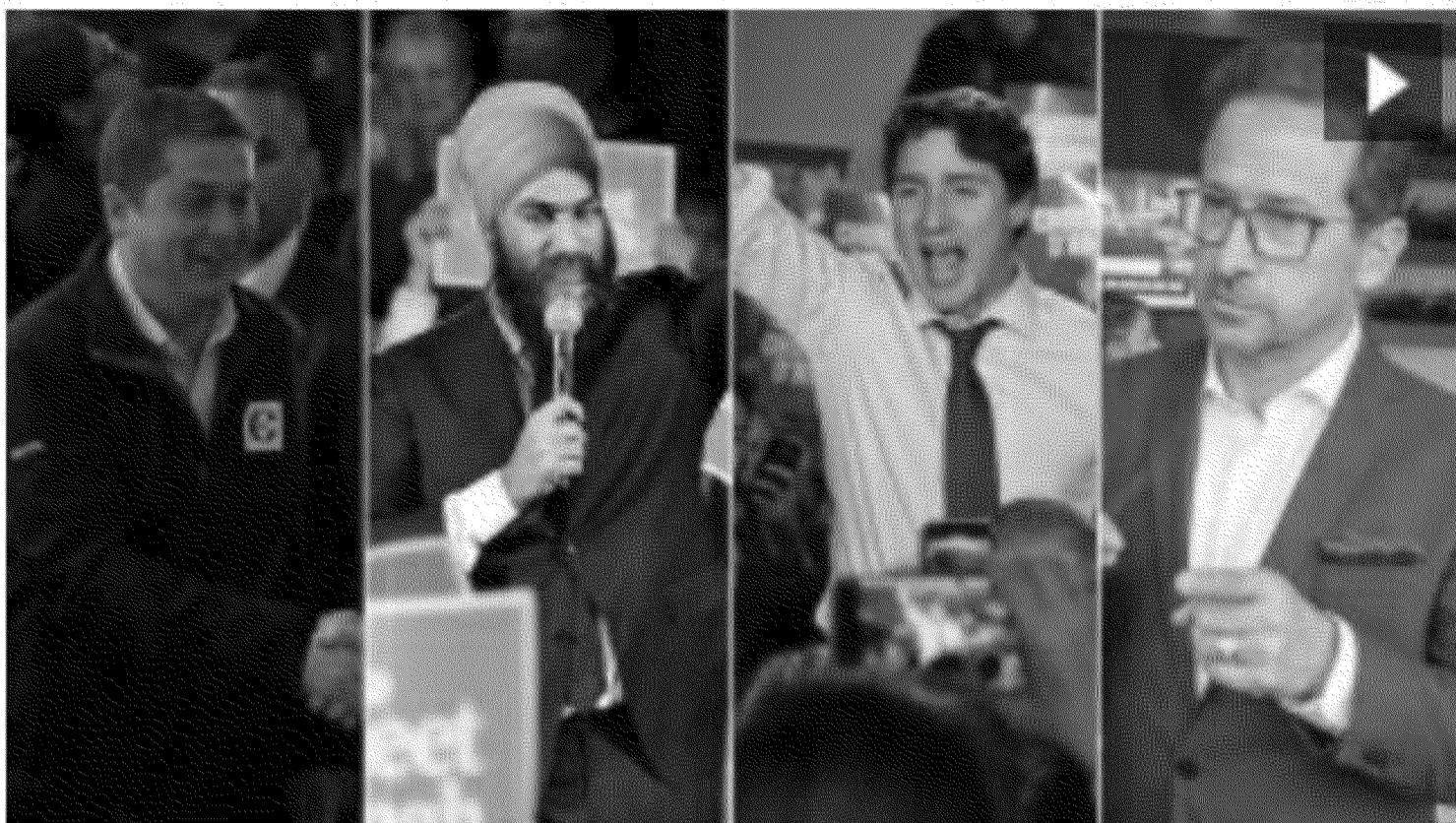


**In unprecedented
move, Obama
endorses
Trudeau**

CTV NEWS VIDEO NETWORK



sits down with Lisa LaFlamme



Campaign rhetoric growing more divisive as election nears



Obama takes to Twitter, urges Canada to re-elect Trudeau



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-12
Date: 8 janvier 2020 15:57:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 17, 2019 concerning the involvement of President Obama in the Canadian electoral process, through his participation in his message supporting a candidate or favouring a political party.

The Commissioner of Canada Elections (Commissioner) is responsible for ensuring that the *Canada Elections Act* (the Act) is complied with and enforced.

Foreign interference in the Canadian electoral process can pose a serious threat to our democracy. All allegations of wrongdoing on the part of a foreign person or entity are taken seriously and are carefully examined to determine whether they fall within the Commissioner's mandate.

The provisions surrounding foreign interference are quite complex. In brief, the Act prohibits foreign persons or entities from participating in elections and incurring expenses for regulated activities that take place during the election period. However, and notably for the purposes of your complaint, there is no contravention of the Act if the foreign person or entity does not knowingly incur any expense in their activity of influencing electors to vote or not vote for a candidate, registered party, or its leader.

Furthermore, there are a number of elements – primarily those that help foster a healthy debate – that are not considered an offence under the Act. For example, foreigners are free to express an opinion about the outcome or desired outcome of the election; make a statement encouraging electors to vote or not to vote for a candidate or a registered party in the election; or share an editorial, speech, interview, column, letter, commentary or news.

In light of the above, we have reviewed the information you provided and concluded that the circumstances as described do not contravene any provision of the Act. As such, the matter cannot be pursued by our Office.

Thank you for your interest in the electoral process. For more information about the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections, please visit our website at: www.cef-cce.ca.

Yours truly,



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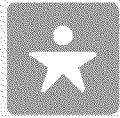
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	10:55 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number

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Import Source

Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/17/2019 8:50:01 AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A candidate

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Barack Obama and Justin Trudeau

Incident date

2019-10-16T10:58:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

//mobile.twitter.com/BarackObama/status/1184528998669389824?p=v

https://mobile.twitter.com/BarackObama?ref_src=twsrc^google|twcamp^serp|twgr^author

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

The Queen of England is not permitted to comment or endorse any candidate or party, nor should any Head of State (or former).

We are not "Little USA" we are not the 51st State, we are our own sovereignty, and on the world stage, we will look hideous to ALL other countries, and not democratic at all.

Many many other countries have wars and civil wars because they feel there is too much American influence. Good example, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is imperative that your office not ignore any American meddling, no matter the fame or celebrity status. We must exert our own sovereign democracy without undue influence nor the appearance of influence. Especially if that influence is a VERY famous and easily recognizable American President of recent times.

Include any documents or screen captures that you think might be helpful.

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Identification

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First Name

[REDACTED]
Last Name [REDACTED]
Email address [REDACTED]
Home Phone [REDACTED]
Address line 1 [REDACTED]
City [REDACTED]
Province/Territory [REDACTED]
Postal Code [REDACTED]
How would you like us to contact you? Email

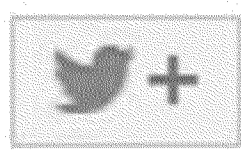


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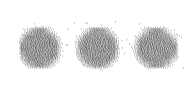


Barack Obama
@BarackObama



I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term.

10:58 am - 16 Oct 2019



VoteSplittingsIsNOTProgressive

18h

@ConcernedCdnMom

Replying to @BarackObama

Thank you. Powerful forces are meddling in our election just as in the US in 2016. That, and vote splitting a la Jill Stein. We have everything to lose.

View conversation



Ron Coleman

18h

@RonColeman

Replying to @ConcernedCdnMom

@BarackObama



twitter.com/Bar





Log in

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Barack Obama ✓

@BarackObama
Washington, DC

Dad, husband, President, citizen.
obama.org

15,689
TWEETS

611,453
FOLLOWING

109,496,854
FOLLOWERS

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Barack Obama

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@BarackObama

I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term.



twitter.com/Bar



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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	10:58 AM		

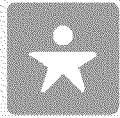
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Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Complainant was informed via email on 2020-01-08 under file **2019-1329-12**.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
XVZXOZAM	Complaint Web Form	10/17/2019 9:23:47 AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To give my opinion or a suggestion

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

I would like to voice my opinion "That it is absolutely inappropriate for Former President Barack Obama , a World Leader to, to prejudice a Canadian Election"

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

Prefer not to say

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

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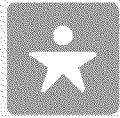
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:00 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Complainant indicated only wished to give an opinion or suggestion. As a result, he was not contacted.
2. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
OGPOZVXN	Complaint Web Form	10/17/2019 9:45:53 AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To ask a question

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Does Obama's tweet suggesting Canadians vote for Trudeau, or Trudeau's response thanking Obama for his support violate any Elections Canada laws (i.e regarding foreign interferece)?

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[Redacted]

First Name

[Redacted]

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email address

[Redacted]

Home Phone

[Redacted]

Cell Phone

[Redacted]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

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Province/Territory

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Postal Code

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-15
Date: 8 janvier 2020 16:35:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED]

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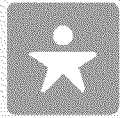
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STEPS:

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Intake

Reference Number

Import Source

Received Date

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Complaint Web Form

10/17/2019 11:12:44 AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Foreign broadcasting

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

Pre-election period 2019

Who is your complaint about?

A third party

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Barack Obama, Democrat Party, United States

Incident date

2019-10-16T10:58:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

//twitter.com/BarackObama/status/1184528998669389824

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Barack Obama's endorsement of Justin Trudeau was conveyed by a broadcast originating from the United States (Barack Obama's US Twitter account).

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Province/Territory

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

How would you like us to contact you?

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Recherche Twitter

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Barack Obama @BarackObama

I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term.

1:58 PM · 16 oct. 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

44,9 k Retweets 323,6 k J'aime



Saad Bin Tariq @SaadTariqb · 16 oct. 2019

En réponse à @BarackObama

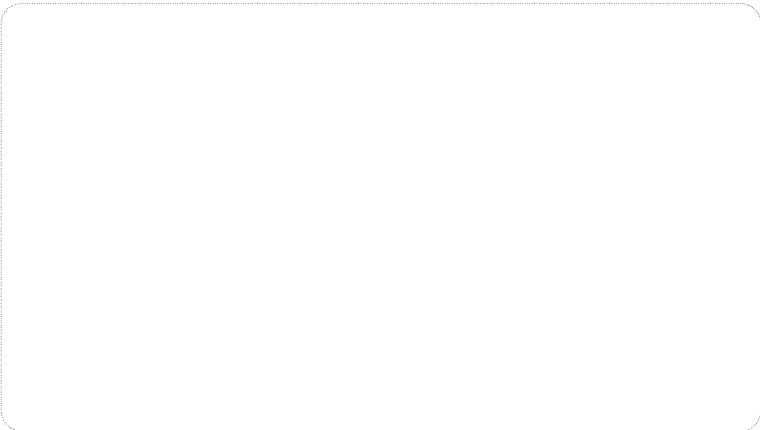
Prime minister of Canada Justin Trudeau at a local Canadian mosque having dinner. Leaders unite not divide. He gets involved with every community and culture. That is the reason, the people of Canada LOVE him

Le média suivant comprend des contenus potentiellement sensibles. Modifier les paramètres **Voir**

399 159 1,7 k



Bowlcut Saitama @EmperorEF · 16 oct. 2019



45 107 1,5 k

9 réponses de plus



Angela Belcamino @AngelaBelcamino · 16 oct. 2019

En réponse à @BarackObama

This is the endorsement of endorsements from the last real President we had...

p.s. we miss you!

219 117 2 k

Nouveau sur Twitter ?

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Personnes pertinentes



Barack Obama @BarackObama

Suivre

Dad, husband, President, citizen.

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Se connecter

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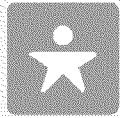
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:04 AM		

Note:

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STEPS:

1. Response sent by voicemail to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
2. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

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YWE4RV1Z	Complaint Web Form	10/17/2019 11:26:49 AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A third party

Incident date

2019-10-16T12:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Other

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

former president Obama endorsing Justin Trudeau is foreign influence.

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

██████████

First Name

██████████

Last Name

██████

Home Phone

██████████████

Postal Code

██████████

How would you like us to contact you?

Telephone

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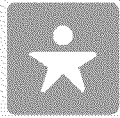
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:07 AM		

Note:

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STEPS:

1. Complainant was not informed: The investigator made several attempts to contact him by email at various time of day without any success. His telephone does not accept messages.
2. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
3NBXGH6B	Complaint Web Form	10/17/2019 11:41:07 AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

Pre-election period 2019

Who is your complaint about?

A candidate

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Ex President Obama from the US interfered with the Canadian Election by endorsing the Honourable Justin Trudeau. I believe this is not allowed under Canadian law. Mr. Prime Minister did reject this support. I believe that he needs to be investigated for unethical behaviour and whether he encouraged this in advance of the public statement my Ex President Obama. I am asking you to formally announce in advance of the election taking place that you are initiating an investigation into whether or not The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau.

Incident date

2019-09-16T00:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Other

Please specify other locations

Ex President Obama's statement was released and broadcast in the news

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Everyone should be aware of this it was broadcast in all newspapers, on tv, on radio, etc.

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

Address line 2

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

Province/Territory

[REDACTED]

Postal Code



How would you like us to contact you?

Email

Status Note Log Entry

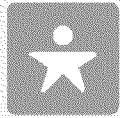
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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:08 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Complainant was informed via telephone on 2020-01-08.
2. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
SHD6KBKV	Complaint Web Form	10/16/2019 11:04:16 PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A candidate

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Justin Trudeau and CTV News

Incident date

2019-10-16T00:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Online news source

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

//election.ctvnews.ca/mobile/obama-weighs-in-on-canada-s-federal-election-backs-trudeau-1.4641296

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

I am upset that a former US President is saying anything to Canadian voters in an effort to persuade voters. This is definitely meddling in our election. The Liberal party, Mr Trudeau and CTV News is blatantly flaunting the supportive words of a very recognizable, world renowned, powerful man and thoroughly disregarding our sovereignty. Even the photo of the close, intimate embrace is inappropriate for a neutral election.

Include any documents or screen captures that you think might be helpful.

1.  IMG_20191016_225028.png png 415.63 KB
2.  IMG_20191016_225134.png png 394.46 KB

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

██████████

First Name

██████████

Last Name

██████████

Email address

████████████████████

Home Phone

██████████

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

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How would you like us to contact you?

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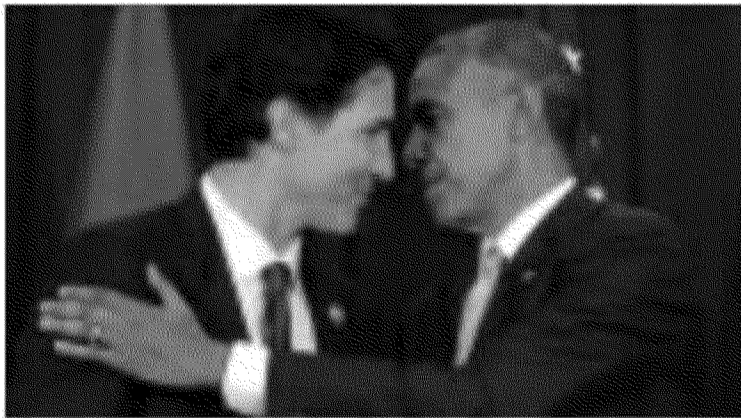
LaFlamme speaks with Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer



More than 300 charges laid, 'kingpin' identified in multi-provincial human trafficking investigation



Pelosi says Trump had 'meltdown' in meeting over his decision to leave Syria



Obama weighs in on Canada's federal election, backs Trudeau



Scheer won't explain U.S. travel as a citizen without a valid U.S. passport

Canada

British family



ctvnews.ca/n X





Truth Tracker: Are political ads on WeChat in violation of Canada's election laws?

Chinese social media giant WeChat may have ignored Canadian election laws by allowing political ads to run on its platform without setting up a digital ad registry.

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- Liberals lead in Quebec, Ontario: Nanos
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- Obama gives Trudeau a thumbs-up
-
- Green candidate urges support for NDP

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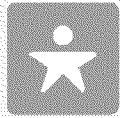
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Date:	2020-01-20		
Time:	11:21 AM		

Note:

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STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder of file 2019-1329-12 on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



Intake

Reference Number

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Import Source

Complaint Web Form

Received Date

10/16/2019 9:41:52 PM

Purpose

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To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

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Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

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A third party

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Barack Obama as former US president endorsed Justin Trudeau.

Incident date

2019-10-16T12:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

Barack Obama Twitter

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

It is inappropriate for a former US president to be tweeting support for a candidate for PM. And for the candidate to be responding!

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email address

[REDACTED]

Home Phone

[REDACTED]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

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How would you like us to contact you?

Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-20
Date: 8 janvier 2020 17:25:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED],

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Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:10 AM		

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STEPS:

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CCE Intake

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R4UCN5CL	Complaint Web Form	2019-10-17 09:39PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Other

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

Pre-election period 2019

Who is your complaint about?

The media

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Former US President Barack Obama has given a press release endorsing Justin Trudeau. This endorsement and media play of it feels wrong. It has all the appearance of foreign political interference in our election. Canada watches the antics in the USA, as well as the rest of the world. Barack Obama has NO business issuing any public statement of endorsement of a Canadian Prime Minister. He is a private citizen now, however, it cannot be ignored that he has strong international political and social following. This can influence people's vote and it is wrong for him to try to exert influence in another Country's federal political election. Given all the shenanigans in the USA regarding possible Russia interference in their election...this is WRONG, WRONG, WRONG.

Canada Elections should rebuke this endorsement and the media's reporting.

Incident date

2019-10-19T18:37:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Online news source

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

Too many to provide...all news sources, including many television shows Tucker Carlson, Facebook sharing of news etc.

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

//www.foxnews.com/politics/fmr-pres-obama-endorses-justin-trudeau-for-reelection?fbclid=IwAR3mxq1QGzLpOxeytg8nJBpEauMTrEf8Bf_3ARQrucOBbqar3DmWnz1gN70

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[Redacted]

First Name

[Redacted]

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email address

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

Province/Territory

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

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Email

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Obama endorses Justin Trudeau for reelection in Canada

By Tyler Olson | Fox News



Blackface damages Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at polls as he vows lower taxes, cellphone costs

Blackface photos that damaged Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's image, might cost him his re-election bid. His shift from apology to policy could be too little too late as his lead narrows at the polls.

Former President [Barack Obama](#) endorsed Canadian Prime Minister [Justin Trudeau](#) in his reelection effort Wednesday, part of an attempt to boost the embattled leader's chances of staying in office.

Obama and Trudeau maintained a friendly relationship while they were both heads of the neighboring countries -- Obama honored Trudeau with the first state dinner for a Canadian since 1997 soon after the young leader was elected. The progressive politicians also met for a beer at a Canadian brewery earlier this year.

"I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President," Obama said. "He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term."

JESSE WATTERS BLASTS CANADIAN PM TRUDEAU, PRIVILEGE NOT AN EXCUSE FOR BLACKFACE IN 2001

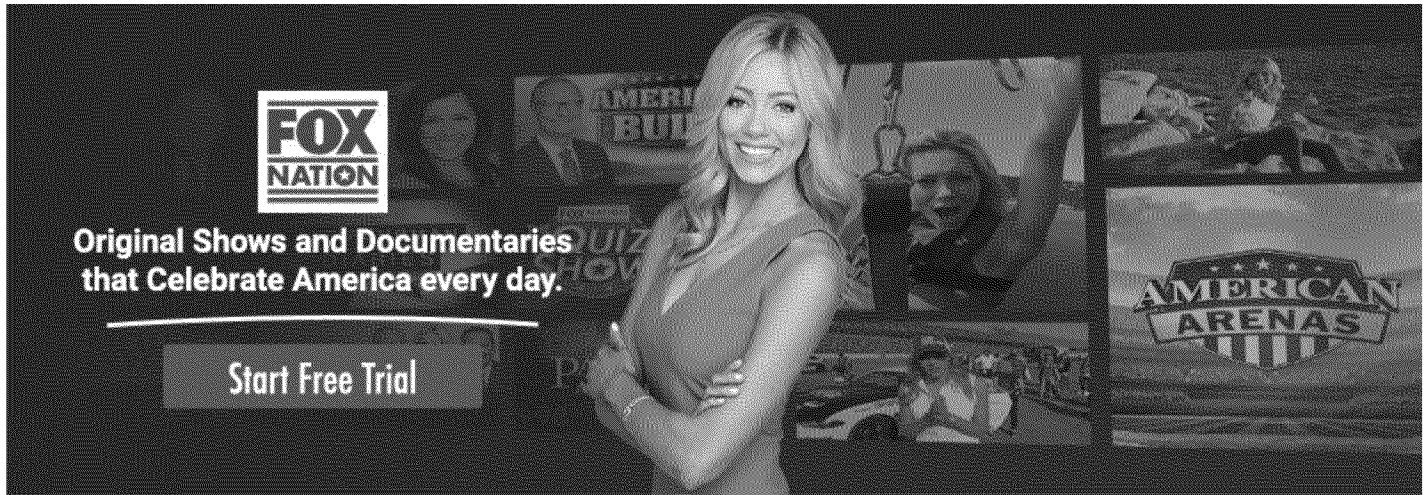
Trudeau's Liberal Party is in a very close race with Canada's conservative party, according to a Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's average of polls. This is as Trudeau is still recovering from recently exposed photos of him wearing blackface in 2001, a scandal that forced him to make a public apology.

"I am wary of being definitive about this because the recent pictures that came out, I had not remembered," he said in September. "And, the question is, how can you not remember that? The fact is, I didn't understand how hurtful this is to people who live with discrimination every single day."

An endorsement from Obama, who was highly popular in Canada during his time in office, might boost the Liberal Party in its effort to nab a victory during Monday's election.

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In American elections, Obama has chosen to avoid endorsing a contender in the Democratic presidential primary thus far, although his vice president, Joe Biden, is considered one of the frontrunners.



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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-21
Date: 8 janvier 2020 17:35:00
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Courriel | Email : [REDACTED]

Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-21	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:18 AM		

Note:

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STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



CCE Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
XTG1Q74O	Complaint Web Form	2019-10-18 09:36AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

Pour rapporter une infraction

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

Élection générales du 21 octobre 2019

Who is your complaint about?

Un candidat

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Monsieur Justin Trudeau, premier ministre sortant. Monsieur Trudeau et son parti politique ont publié un courriel ou post internet de Monsieur Barak Obama ancien président des Etats-Unis pour demander et suggéré aux électeurs Canadien de votez pour le parti libéral et Monsieur Trudeau. Monsieur est un citoyen américain et vie aux Etats-Unis donc il ne doit pas faire de politique pour le Canada. Aussi le parti libéral aurais dû ne pas publier ce texte et dire que cela n'est pas convenable. Donc je porte plainte à ce sujet.

Incident date

2019-10-16T14:15:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

En ligne

Please select the online source

Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

Aussi dans le journal la presse et plusieurs publication du parti libéral

merci

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

compte twitter et Facebook parti libéral du Canada

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED] 22 - Security of witness / personal information / Sécurité d'un témoin / renseignements personnels

Last Name

[REDACTED] 22 - Security of witness / personal information / Sécurité d'un témoin / renseignements personnels

Email address

[REDACTED] 22 - Security of witness / personal information / Sécurité d'un témoin / renseignements personnels

Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City



Province/Territory



Postal Code



How would you like us to contact you?

Adresse courriel

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allégation d'ingérence étrangère - N/Réf. : 2019-1329-22
Date: 8 janvier 2020 17:52:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED],

Nous avons bien reçu votre correspondance du 18 octobre, 2019 concernant la participation du Président Obama, une entité étrangère, au processus électoral canadien.

Le commissaire aux élections fédérales est chargé de veiller à l'observation et au contrôle d'application de la *Loi électorale du Canada* (la Loi).

L'ingérence étrangère dans le processus électoral canadien peut constituer une menace sérieuse pour notre démocratie. Toutes les allégations d'actes répréhensibles de la part d'une personne ou d'une entité étrangère sont prises au sérieux et examinées attentivement afin de déterminer si elles relèvent du mandat du commissaire.

Les dispositions relatives à l'ingérence étrangère sont assez complexes, mais un certain nombre d'éléments, notamment ceux qui contribuent à favoriser un débat sain, ne sont pas considérés comme une infraction en vertu de la Loi. Par exemple, les étrangers sont libres d'exprimer une opinion sur le résultat ou le résultat souhaité de l'élection, de faire une déclaration encourageant les électeurs à voter ou à ne pas voter pour un candidat ou un parti enregistré à l'élection, ou de partager un éditorial, un discours, une entrevue, une chronique, une lettre, un commentaire ou des nouvelles.

Nous avons examiné l'information fournie et conclu que les circonstances décrites ne contreviennent à aucune disposition de la Loi et que notre Bureau ne peut donner suite à votre plainte.

Nous vous remercions de l'intérêt que vous portez au processus électoral. Pour plus d'information sur le Bureau du commissaire aux élections fédérales, veuillez visiter notre site Web à l'adresse suivante : www.ccf-ccc.ca.

Bien à vous,



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Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-22	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:19 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



CCE Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
AF120KCM	Complaint Web Form	2019-10-18 01:21PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?
To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.
Foreign funds

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?
October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?
A third party

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)
Barack Obama

Incident date
2019-10-16T00:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?
Online

Please select the online source
Twitter

Provide the links, website (URL), email address, etc.

Barack Obama

@BarackObama

I was proud to work with Justin Trudeau as President. He's a hard-working, effective leader who takes on big issues like climate change. The world needs his progressive leadership now, and I hope our neighbors to the north support him for another term.

11:58 AM · Oct 16, 2019 · Twitter for iPhone

44.2K

Retweets

312.5K

Likes

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

President Obama charges thousands of \$ for a public speaking engagement and this public pronouncement on the eve of a Canadian General Election represents a gift-in-kind from a foreign source as well as interference from a foreign source neither of which can be undone.

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?



First Name

█
Last Name █
Email address █
Primary Phone █
Address line 1 █
Address line 2 █
City █
Province/Territory █
Postal Code █
How would you like us to contact you? Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-23
Date: 8 janvier 2020 18:47:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 18, 2019 concerning the involvement of President Obama in the Canadian electoral process, through his participation in his message supporting a candidate or favouring a political party.

The Commissioner of Canada Elections (Commissioner) is responsible for ensuring that the *Canada Elections Act* (the Act) is complied with and enforced.

Foreign interference in the Canadian electoral process can pose a serious threat to our democracy. All allegations of wrongdoing on the part of a foreign person or entity are taken seriously and are carefully examined to determine whether they fall within the Commissioner's mandate.

The provisions surrounding foreign interference are quite complex. In brief, the Act prohibits foreign persons or entities from participating in elections and incurring expenses for regulated activities that take place during the election period. However, and notably for the purposes of your complaint, there is no contravention of the Act if the foreign person or entity does not knowingly incur any expense in their activity of influencing electors to vote or not vote for a candidate, registered party, or its leader.

Furthermore, there are a number of elements – primarily those that help foster a healthy debate – that are not considered an offence under the Act. For example, foreigners are free to express an opinion about the outcome or desired outcome of the election; make a statement encouraging electors to vote or not to vote for a candidate or a registered party in the election; or share an editorial, speech, interview, column, letter, commentary or news.

You bring up an interesting suggestion that President Obama's endorsement could be construed as donation in kind. I suggest to you that considering that Mr. Obama often gets remunerated for public engagements does not negate his ability to get involved with pro bono activities as well. Furthermore, there is a number of legal reasons why a donation in-kind suggestion is not retained, one of which is that section 282.4 of the *Canada Elections Act* deals specifically with foreign interference and allows a foreigner to make a statement that encourages an elector to vote or refrain from voting for any a candidate or registered party.

In light of the above, we have reviewed the information you provided and concluded that the circumstances as described do not contravene any provision of the Act. As such, the matter cannot be pursued by our Office.

Thank you for your interest in the electoral process. For more information about the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections, please visit our website at: www.cef-ccc.ca.

Yours truly,



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Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-23	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:21 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



CCE Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
5OAL3U45	Complaint Web Form	2019-10-20 01:48AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?
To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.
Foreign broadcasting

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?
October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?
The media

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)
bcnn coverage of ex.U.S. president Obama recommending Justin Trudeau be re-elected prime minister.

Incident date
2019-10-16T00:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?
Other

Please specify other locations

cbcnn news stations

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

self explanatory.

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

Province/Territory

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

How would you like us to contact you?

Mail

COMMISSAIRE AUX ÉLECTIONS FÉDÉRALES



COMMISSIONER OF CANADA ELECTIONS

January 10, 2020

Our File # 2019-1329-24



Thank you for your correspondence dated October 20, 2019 concerning the participation of former President Obama in the Canadian electoral process.

The Commissioner of Canada Elections (Commissioner) is responsible for ensuring that the *Canada Elections Act* (the Act) is complied with and enforced.

Foreign interference in the Canadian electoral process can pose a serious threat to our democracy. With the adoption of Bill C-76 in December 2018, Parliament amended the Act to better clarify what type of foreign interference it considered to be harmful to our democracy. Section 282.4 of the Act now identifies two circumstances where attempts by a foreign person or entity to influence electors' electoral choices are "undue influence", and as such, prohibited under the Act. The first of these is when the foreign person or entity knowingly incurs an expense to directly promote or oppose a candidate or a registered party in the election. The second circumstance is where one of the things done to influence electors by the person or entity is an offence under any Canadian statute or regulation (be they federal or provincial).

Moreover, in adopting section 282.4, Parliament identified certain circumstances that do not constitute "undue influence" for the purposes of the new prohibition. These include:

- expressing an opinion about the outcome or desired outcome of the election, or making a statement encouraging electors to vote or not to vote for a candidate or a registered party in the election, if no expense is incurred in doing so; and
- the transmission through broadcasting or through electronic or print media, of an editorial, speech, interview, column, letter, commentary or news, regardless of any expense incurred in doing so.

In light of the above, we have reviewed the information you provided and concluded that the circumstances as described do not contravene any provision of the Act. As such, the matter cannot be pursued by our Office.

Thank you for your interest in the electoral process. For more information about the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections, please visit our website at: www.cef-ccc.ca.

Yours truly,

The Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections

Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-24	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:26 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Response sent by regular mail to Complainant on 2020-01-10.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



CCE Intake

Reference Number

JJAVISW6

Import Source

Complaint Web Form

Received Date

2019-10-21 02:32PM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To give my opinion or a suggestion

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Meddling and interference by OBABA friend of TRUDEAU also radio and television station broadcasting that information in CANADA during election time. They should be investigated and charged for supporting meddling and fraud. Were are democratic country and Canadian can make mind to whom they want to vote for.

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

Address line 1

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

Province/Territory

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-25	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:28 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Complainant indicated that he only wished to give an opinion or suggestion. As a result, he was not contacted
2. File closed = Status 1.



CCE Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
4EZX8PQ6	Complaint Web Form	2019-11-02 02:45AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?
To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.
Foreign broadcasting

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?
October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?
Unknown or prefer not to say

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)
Obama 10-22-2019 tweeting support of Justin Trudeau
Greta Thunberg 09-27-2019 Montreal
Multiple rallies of her foreign interference in our country

Incident date
2019-10-18T00:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?
Physical Location

Address line 1

Edmonton Alberta

City

Edmonton

Province/Territory

Alberta

Postal Code

T5K 2B6

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Recorded by media all over internet

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

Prefer not to say

First Name

██████

Last Name

██████

Email address

██████████████████

Primary Phone

██████████████

Secondary Phone

██████████████

Address line 1

██████

City

[REDACTED]

Province/Territory

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

How would you like us to contact you?

Email

Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-26	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:31 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Complainant was informed via voicemail on 2020-01-08.
2. File closed = Status 1.



CCE Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
PEKPR7LG	Complaint Web Form	2019-11-05 12:18AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To report a potential offence

Complaint Type

Please select the subject of your question or complaint.

Undue influence by foreigners

Complaint Subject

Which federal electoral event is your complaint related to?

October 21, 2019 General Election

Who is your complaint about?

A candidate

Please provide names and/or political affiliations (if applicable)

Barack obama publicly supported justin trudeau

Incident date

2019-10-21T00:00:00

Incident Location

Where did the incident occur?

Online

Please select the online source

Online news source

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Barack obama publicly supported justin trudeau

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[REDACTED]

First Name

[REDACTED]

Last Name

[REDACTED]

Email address

[REDACTED]

Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

Postal Code

[REDACTED]

How would you like us to contact you?

Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-27
Date: 8 janvier 2020 19:23:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 5, 2019 concerning the involvement of President Obama in the Canadian electoral process, through his participation in his message supporting a candidate or favouring a political party.

The Commissioner of Canada Elections (Commissioner) is responsible for ensuring that the *Canada Elections Act* (the Act) is complied with and enforced.

Foreign interference in the Canadian electoral process can pose a serious threat to our democracy. All allegations of wrongdoing on the part of a foreign person or entity are taken seriously and are carefully examined to determine whether they fall within the Commissioner's mandate.

The provisions surrounding foreign interference are quite complex. In brief, the Act prohibits foreign persons or entities from participating in elections and incurring expenses for regulated activities that take place during the election period. However, and notably for the purposes of your complaint, there is no contravention of the Act if the foreign person or entity does not knowingly incur any expense in their activity of influencing electors to vote or not vote for a candidate, registered party, or its leader.

Furthermore, there are a number of elements – primarily those that help foster a healthy debate – that are not considered an offence under the Act. For example, foreigners are free to express an opinion about the outcome or desired outcome of the election; make a statement encouraging electors to vote or not to vote for a candidate or a registered party in the election; or share an editorial, speech, interview, column, letter, commentary or news.

In light of the above, we have reviewed the information you provided and concluded that the circumstances as described do not contravene any provision of the Act. As such, the matter cannot be pursued by our Office.

Thank you for your interest in the electoral process. For more information about the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections, please visit our website at: www.cef-ccc.ca.

Yours truly,



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Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-27	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:35 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-08.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.



CCE Intake

Reference Number	Import Source	Received Date
QPOD459Q	Complaint Web Form	2019-11-01 10:23AM

Purpose

Why are you contacting us today?

To ask a question

Description

Use this section to share details with us.

Why is it OK for the Liberals to pay the media \$670,000,000.00 in this media fund and then have a supposed unbiased committee distribute it when in fact some of the committee members have on record an extreme bias towards centre and right political parties. Would this not constitute an illegal contribution at the tax payers expense ?

Control the mainstream media , control the content. Why was Greta Thunberg and Obama allowed to influence possible voters prior to an election?

Identification

Tell us about yourself. Are you?

[Redacted]

First Name

[Redacted]





Last Name

[Redacted]

Email address

[Redacted]

Primary Phone


Address line 1 
Address line 2 
City 
Province/Territory 
Postal Code 
How would you like us to contact you? Email

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Allegation of undue influence by foreigners - Our File # 2019-1329-28
Date: 9 janvier 2020 10:09:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated November 1, 2019 concerning the involvement of former President Obama and Greta Thunberg in the Canadian electoral process, through their participation in making statement in favour of a candidate or a political party.

The Commissioner of Canada Elections (Commissioner) is responsible for ensuring that the *Canada Elections Act* (the Act) is complied with and enforced.

Foreign interference in the Canadian electoral process can pose a serious threat to our democracy. All allegations of wrongdoing on the part of a foreign person or entity are taken seriously and are carefully examined to determine whether they fall within the Commissioner's mandate.

The provisions surrounding foreign interference are quite complex. In brief, the Act prohibits foreign persons or entities from participating in elections and incurring expenses for regulated activities that take place during the election period. However, and notably for the purposes of your complaint, there is no contravention of the Act if the foreign person or entity does not knowingly incur any expense in their activity of influencing electors to vote or not vote for a candidate, registered party, or its leader.

Furthermore, there are a number of elements – primarily those that help foster a healthy debate – that are not considered an offence under the Act. For example, foreigners are free to express an opinion about the outcome or desired outcome of the election; make a statement encouraging electors to vote or not to vote for a candidate or a registered party in the election; or share an editorial, speech, interview, column, letter, commentary or news.

In light of the above, we have reviewed the information you provided and concluded that the circumstances as described do not contravene any provision of the Act. As such, the matter cannot be pursued by our Office.

As for your first questions dealing with the media fund and a potential bias towards centre and right political parties, our office has a specific mandate to ensure compliance and enforcement of the *Canada Elections Act*. As your query falls outside of this, we are unable to respond.

Thank you for your interest in the electoral process. For more information about the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections, please visit our website at: www.ccf-ccc.ca.

Yours truly,



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Status Note Log Entry

File Number:	2019-1329-28	Staff Member:	██████████
Date:	2020-01-17		
Time:	11:37 AM		

Note:

Approval to close this file was provided by the Commissioner in writing (OK Y 14-1-20) on a File Referral Record dated 2019-10-03 MASTER FILE 2019-1329.

STEPS:

1. Response sent by email to Complainant on 2020-01-09.
2. PDF copy of the response placed in the correspondence folder on the P/drive.
3. File closed = Status 1.