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Addendum to Interview Summary: Mark Flynn Interview Summary

Mark Flynn was interviewed by Commission Counsel on February 15, 2024. The content of this addendum is relevant to stage 2 of the Commission's inquiry. The interview was held in a secure environment and included references to classified information. This addendum contains information provided during that interview that is relevant to Stage 2 of the Commission's proceedings and that, in the opinion of the Commissioner, would not be injurious to the critical interests of Canada or its allies, national defence or national security.

Notes to Readers:

- Commission Counsel have provided explanatory notes in square brackets to assist the reader.

1. Overseas Police Stations

- [1] In the context of responses available to the RCMP in dealing with instances of FI, Mr. Flynn pointed to the RCMP's response to alleged PRC "overseas police stations" ("OPS"). The RCMP became aware of alleged PRC OPS in Montreal.¹ In order to gather the necessary evidence, the RCMP sent uniformed officers to each of the known OPS locations with the goals of: (1) showing the community that the RCMP was serious about the issue; (2) to build trust and confidence; and (3) demonstrating that the RCMP was trying to stop any illegal behaviour. After the RCMP engaged with the communities,

¹ According to public reporting, PRC police services are leveraging overseas Chinese communities as proxies to conduct undeclared and covert extraterritorial law enforcement and intelligence collection activities on Chinese Diasporas.

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it received a number of tips from diaspora community members, which generated information that could be used to further the criminal investigation.

2. Other

- [2] Commission counsel asked Mr. Flynn about the RCMP tabletop exercises described in a particular document. Mr. Flynn had not previously seen the document. Mr. Flynn stated that this document did not reflect the reality of the RCMP environment and explained that, although he did not know who wrote the document or when, these tabletop exercises sometimes have objectives to test discrete elements and are written to support that test. The document does not completely reflect the authorities of the RCMP but does describe the focus on charges, which is no longer the only consideration within the RCMP.