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Canada Border Services Agency
Access to Information Branch
Ottawa ON
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write on behalf of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association with a request for documents pursuant to the Access to Information Act.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association requests all documents, in any form, relating to Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) policies, practices, and procedures for search and inspection of the information stored on laptop computers, smart phones, PDAs and other personal electronic devices ("Electronic Information"). The information requested includes, but is not limited to:

- Policies pertaining to the search and inspection of Electronic Information;
- Statistics on the number and kinds of electronic devices inspected;
- Methods of search and inspection of the contents of electronic devices;
- Training materials on performing inspections of the contents of electronic devices;
- Criteria used to select individuals for device inspection;
- Demographic information on individuals whose devices have been inspected;
- Policies for requesting or demanding passwords to access Electronic Information from individuals at the border;
- Policies for handling a refusal to provide a password to access or decrypt Electronic Information;
- Policies for the copying and retention of Electronic Information;
- Policies for the inspection and retention of confidential or privileged Electronic Information;
- Policies for the distribution of Electronic Information copied from electronic devices to other Government agencies;
- Policies for the destruction of Electronic Information copied from electronic devices; and
- Documents considering the Charter and other legal implications of the search and inspection of the contents of electronic devices.

The BCCLA requests that any associated fees be waived, as the BCCLA is a recognized public interest group in privacy matters and makes this request pursuant to that role. We would be happy to receive documents in an electronic format, especially if this will reduce costs or expedite the request.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours,

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