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Dear Mr. McMullen:

We acknowledge receipt of your *Access to Information Act* request, received on October 30, 2009 and your \$5 application fee. Your request reads:

“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 inspection;*
- *Policies for requesting or demanding passwords to access electronic information at the border;*
- *Policies for handling a refusal to provide a password to 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.”*

Should you have any questions concerning your request, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 613-957-6852.

Yours truly,

Leslie Jeffers
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