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Our File
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Dear Mr. McMullen:

Your request pursuant to the *Access to Information Act* was received in our office on October 30, 2009 and reads:

“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.”***

An extension of time of up to 60 days beyond the 30 day statutory time limit will be required in order to process this request. This extension is being applied in accordance with paragraph 9(1)(b) of the *Act* due to consultations that are necessary to comply with the request that cannot reasonably be completed within the original time limit and paragraph 9(1)(a) of the *Act* as meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the government institution.

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Should you be dissatisfied with the processing of this request, you may file a complaint within sixty days of receipt of this notice to the Information Commissioner of Canada by writing to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada
Place de Ville, Tower B
112 Kent Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Should you have any questions, you may contact Leslie Jeffers at 613-957-6852. Please quote our file number in all correspondence pertaining to this request.

Yours truly,



for: Pierre Tessier
Manager
ATIP and Disclosure Policy

c.c.: Office of the Information Commissioner