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To: Chief, Communications Security Establishment

**MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVE
COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY ESTABLISHMENT
PROGRAM**

This Directive is issued under my authority pursuant to subsection 273.62 (3) of the *National Defence Act*.

I hereby direct the Communications Security Establishment (CSE) to establish a Program as described in the Request for a Ministerial Directive and a Ministerial Authorization dated March 15, 2004, under the regime set forth in the *National Defence Act*.

I understand that conducting this program

Program.

As permitted under the laws of Canada and under the parameters set in the Annex to this Ministerial Directive,

I also authorize CSE to share, to the extent permitted under the laws of Canada, information it acquires under its

In this context, you will find below my clear expectations of CSE on how the Program shall be executed.

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- In pursuing potential opportunities, CSE will exercise due diligence in determining the

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- CSE will follow a stringent risk management regime

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Approval Framework

The approval framework governing

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Chief, CSE will also report regularly to the National Security Advisor on program decisions and activities, including all new initiatives.

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- Chief, CSE will seek approval from the National Security Advisor for new activities
- The National Security Advisor will seek my approval

Operational Activities

- CSE will use the data and information acquired through this program
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- Where necessary, CSE will work with CSIS and with other federal departments and agencies to coordinate operational activities to ensure that priorities are consistent across the Government.
- CSE will collect and use telecommunications-associated information ('metadata') under the Program according to principles enunciated in the Annex to this Directive. Any amendments to this Annex will require my approval.
- CSE will not direct program activities at Canadians or at any person in Canada.
- CSE will apply procedures for the use and retention of communications and data acquired through this program consistent with CSE's existing procedures under other programs to protect the privacy of Canadians.
- CSE is authorized to share information, including metadata, acquired through this program
Such sharing will be subject to strict conditions to protect the privacy of Canadians, consistent with the standards governing CSE's other programs.

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CSE will ensure that its () Program proceeds with due regard

CSE will operate in a manner consistent with the Government's intent

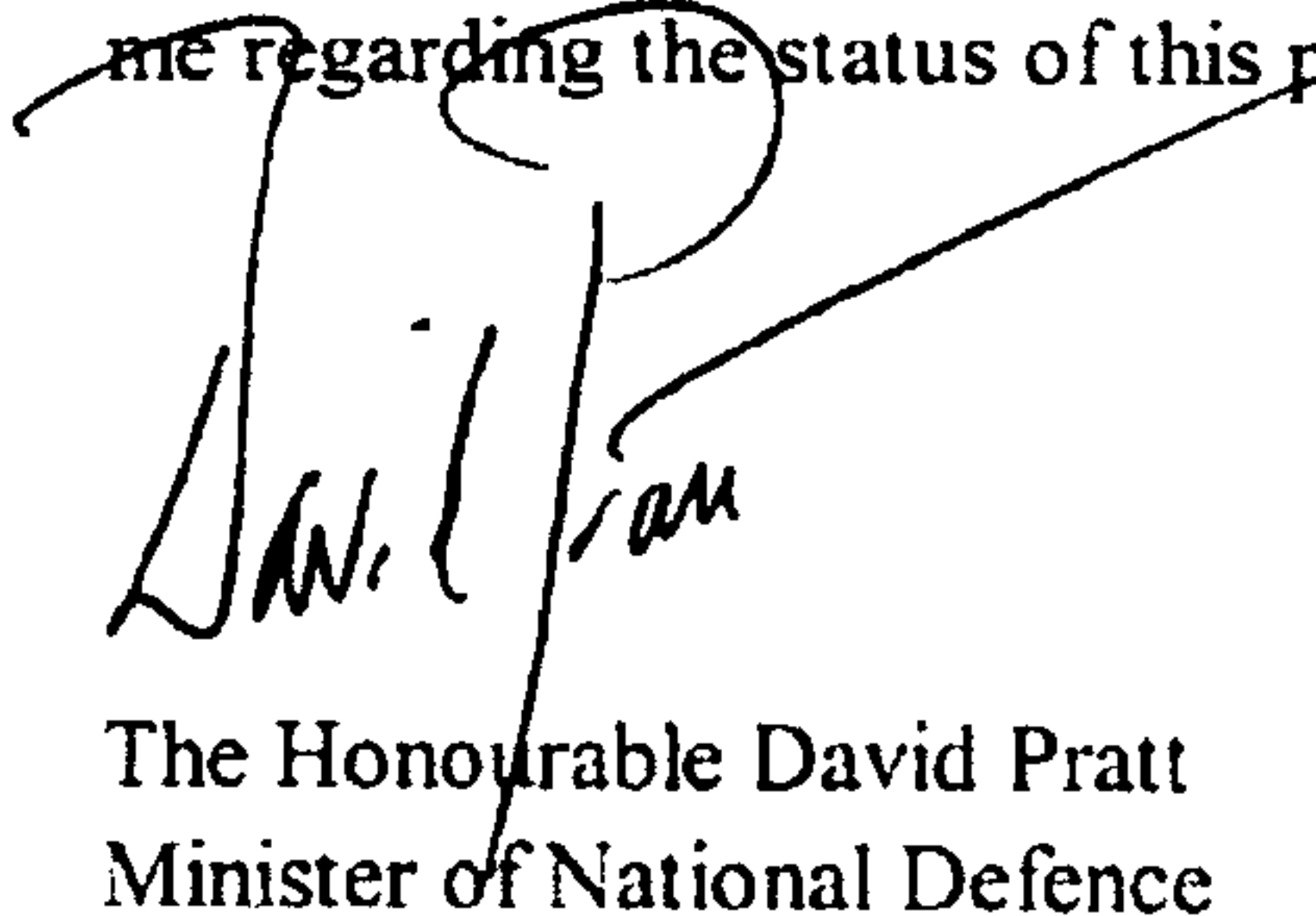
CSE will conduct its () Program in compliance with the laws of Canada, including the *National Defence Act*, the *Criminal Code*, the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, and the *Privacy Act*, and in accordance with all other applicable Ministerial Directives, Ministerial Authorizations and Operational Policies.

I expect CSE to conduct its () Program in accordance with an explicit internal authority framework. In this regard, Chief, CSE will ensure strict management monitoring and control of this program.

Activities undertaken pursuant to this Ministerial Directive will be subject to review by the CSE Commissioner as part of his mandate.

CSE shall provide the CSE Commissioner with a copy of this Ministerial Directive forthwith upon its coming into force.

In addition to any other reporting requirement that I may set, I expect that you will report to me regarding the status of this program on a yearly basis in CSE's Annual Report.


The Honourable David Pratt
Minister of National Defence

cc: National Security Advisor, Privy Council Office
Deputy Minister of National Defence

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1. For the purpose of the _____ Program:
 - a) **“metadata”** means information associated with a telecommunication to identify, describe, manage or route that telecommunication or any part of it
 - b)
 - c)

2. In the fulfillment of its mandate as set out in paragraphs 273.64 (1) (a) and (b) of the *National Defence Act*, CSE may search any metadata

including any
information related to the protection of electronic information or information
infrastructures of importance to the Government of Canada.

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(6) For greater certainty,

4. The metadata acquired in the execution of the CSE's
be used strictly for:

Program shall

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5. The metadata acquired in the execution of CSE's

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