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From: Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX
Sent: December 8, 2018 3:50 PM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: UPDATE: Forest Sector Delegation

Sage please note that I have spoken with Okenge and am briefed on the latest.

I've asked Don Z to establish contact with Vivian (CD FLNRO) who is with the delegation in Japan. The plan was to continue to China on Tuesday - but it would appear we'll be scrubbing this leg.^{s.16}
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We'll be ready with the appropriate statement/media release to manage the communications on this (much sensitivity about language here).^{s.16}
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We are about to be thrust into this story.

We may want to consider alternative to general distribution NR with more targeted release?

Evan

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Date: December 8, 2018 at 2:30:55 PM PST
To: "Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX" <Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca>, "Ralston, Bruce JTT:EX" <Bruce.Ralston@gov.bc.ca>, "James, Carole FIN:EX" <Carole.James@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>, "Hockin, Amber PREM:EX" <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>, "Wright, Don J. PREM:EX" <Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca>, "Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX" <Evan.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>, "Mihlar, Fazil JTT:EX" <Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca>, "Allan, John FLNR:EX" <John.Allan@gov.bc.ca>, "Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX" <Richard.Manwaring@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: UPDATE: Forest Sector Delegation

Ministers:

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Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact me at s.17 .

Okenge Yuma Morisho
Deputy Minister
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat
Office of the Premier

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From: Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX
Sent: December 8, 2018 5:25 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: Comms re; China

Latest from me to Fazil. Sage is copied. I don't think he's thinking this is for MBR.

Simple statement - referencing advice and consultation...Although protocol might suggest it logical for PJH as min responsible for IGR I'm thinking MDD.

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Cc: "Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX" <Okenge.YumaMorisho@gov.bc.ca>, "Allan, John FLNR:EX" <John.Allan@gov.bc.ca>, "Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX" <Richard.Manwaring@gov.bc.ca>, "Campbell, Tracy MAH:EX" <Tracy.Campbell@gov.bc.ca>, "Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX" <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>, "McNish, James JTT:EX" <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>, "Ralston, Bruce JTT:EX" <Bruce.Ralston@gov.bc.ca>, "Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX" <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>, "Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX" <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>, "Aaron, Sage PREM:EX" <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Comms re; China

Thanks Fazil. FYI Don Z and I have begun preparations, including contact with Vivian Thomas who is with the delegation in Japan.

When you say "this evening" that would be about 8 hrs from now?

The delegation had planned a media advisory 7 am Monday morning for a 2 pm call back to BC media. Current thinking is a News Release or targeted statement as early as tomorrow morning. (If folks are being notified then we should be quick about this - not wanting this to dribble out without our best frame.)

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On Dec 8, 2018, at 4:44 PM, Mihlar, Fazil JTT:EX <Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Okenge:

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Thx. Fazil

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Cc: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: FINAL - Fw: Minister's statement on rescheduling China leg of forestry trade mission
Attachments: 2018JTT0049-002373.pdf; ATT00001.htm

This statement is out now.
Evan

From: Fort, Oriane GCPE:EX <Oriane.Fort@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2018 8:51 AM
To: Fort, Oriane GCPE:EX
Subject: Minister's statement on rescheduling China leg of forestry trade mission

Please refer to the files attached to this email. The following is the summary of the News Release

Permalink: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/18649>

News ID: NEWS-18649
NR Number: 2018JTT0049-002373
NR Type: Statement
State: Planned
Planned Release Date: December 9, 2018 at 8:40 am
Media Distribution Lists: BUSIN_BUSINESS, ETHALL_ALL ETHNIC, ETHCH_CHINESE, LEGIS_PRESS GALLERY, MEDIA, PROVI_PROVINCE WIDE
Lead Organization: Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology
Headline: Minister's statement on rescheduling China leg of forestry trade mission

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2018JTT0049-002373
Dec. 9, 2018

Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

STATEMENT

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Subject: China Mission

As expected the calls to MBR have begun - NW, Global, News 1130...
There's a Chinese version of the statement we released earlier.
Given the context, as per new Globe piece today, this will get attention.

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Sent: December 6, 2018 2:52 PM
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Cc: Mihlar, Fazil JTT:EX; Campbell, Tracy MAH:EX; Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX; Brubacher, Kelly IGRS:EX; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX; Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX
Subject: URGENT: Huawei Note
Attachments: IN Huawei CFO Arrest_Dec 6 2018_V3.docx

Importance: High

James: as discussed, please find attached a note for the Minister on Huawei in advance of the s.13;s.16
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Thanks, oym

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To: Yuma Morisho, Okenge IGRS:EX; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX
Cc: Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX; Khaira, Manjit IGRS:EX
Subject: FW: IN - DOJ matter
Attachments: IN Huawei CFO Arrest_Dec 6 2018_V3.docx

Hi Okenge and Pierrette

Would you please review the attached note provided by JTT GCPE. s.13;s.16
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Thank you
Sukumar

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
Sent: December 6, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: IN - DOJ matter

Hi Sukumar,

Here's the revised IN with PSSG's bullets. This IN is currently with their DM for review and is approved at ADM level on our side. Please send this through to Okenge and Pierrette and let me know if they have any concerns/edits.

Thanks very much for your help!

Courtney



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I added a line at the end of the first paragraph, Okenge. Good with that addition.

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Sent: December 11, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Yuma Morisho, Okenge IGRS:EX; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
Subject: FW: Global News: BC 1: Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou has been granted bail as she fights possible extrad...

FYI

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(Cell) 250-812-8768

From: tno@gov.bc.ca <tno@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:16 PM
Subject: Global News: BC 1: Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou has been granted bail as she fights possible extrad...

Global News: BC 1 (Vancouver)

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Subject: FW: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL: IN Huawei
Attachments: IN Huawei CFO Arrest_Dec 10 2018_DRAFT 2.docx

Importance: High

Hi Okenge – would you like to review the attached messages/information note developed by JTT GCPE for Minister Ralston's use?

Thanks
Sukumar

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:29 PM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL: IN Huawei

Hi Sukumar,

Please find the attached IN, updated with the latest. This is also with William Hoyle for review.

Thanks!

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Evan

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Cc: "Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX" <Evan.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>, "Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX" <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>
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Don Zdravec
Executive Director
GCPE
778-584-1252
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Sent: December 5, 2018 9:28 PM
To: Campbell, Tracy MAH:EX
Subject: Re: URGENT - Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver

Yes. Thx

From: Campbell, Tracy MAH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 8:37 PM
To: Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX
Subject: FW: URGENT - Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver

I'm sure you're all over this but sharing just in case.

From: Irwin, Paul JTT:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:36 PM
To: Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Campbell, Tracy MAH:EX
Cc: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: URGENT - Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver
Importance: High

Heads up on two major breaking (or soon to break) stories relating to major Chinese companies operating in Canada.

The first is **Huawei**, which you may have seen today. Huawei has a partnership with Telus around development of the 5G network. s.13;s.16
s.13;s.16

The second is related to **Anbang** – the Chinese company put into receivership by the Chinese governments.13;s.13;s.16

More details to follow.....

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-canada-has-arrested-huaweis-global-chief-financial-officer-in/>

Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver

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Importance: High

Mark: Thanks for your call. Are you comfortable with the attached. Would u like to add the details about correctional facilities? Please note that I need to send this note to Minister Ralston ASAP as s.13;s.16

Richard: Just FYI.

Thanks, oym

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Importance: High

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Cc: Zhu, Aijuan JTT:EX <Aijuan.Zhu@gov.bc.ca>; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
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<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-canada-has-arrested-huaweis-global-chief-financial-officer-in/>

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CBU (CBC Vancouver)

08-Dec-2018 13:00

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Subject: B.C. trade mission trip to China derailed in wake of Huawei executive's arrest | CBC News

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Subject: Re: media today

Update.
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Evan

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Date: December 9, 2018 at 12:30:31 PM PST
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Don Zadravec
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GCPE

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Re Okenge's point 2. The arrest was a federal rcmp action. We wouldn't anticipate a heads up and did not receive one.

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On Dec 9, 2018, at 2:42 PM, Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX <Okenge.YumaMorisho@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 12:52 PM
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From: [Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX](#)
To: [Aaron, Sage PREM:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: IN Huawei CFO Arrest_Dec 6 2018_V3
Date: December 8, 2018 7:33:08 PM
Attachments: 550183 - IBN_Meng.pdf
ATT00001.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tupper, Linsey PSSG:EX" <Linsey.Tupper@gov.bc.ca>
Date: December 6, 2018 at 2:48:45 PM PST
To: "Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX" <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX" <Caroline.McAndrews@gov.bc.ca>, "Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX" <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: IN Huawei CFO Arrest_Dec 6 2018_V3

Liam,

Attached is an IBN for your/Minister's information as well.

Thanks,
Linsey

From: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:30 PM
To: Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX <Caroline.McAndrews@gov.bc.ca>; Tupper, Linsey PSSG:EX <Linsey.Tupper@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: IN Huawei CFO Arrest_Dec 6 2018_V3

For background. s.13;s.16
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From: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 2:25 PM
To: Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX <Okenge.YumaMorisho@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Juk, Peter A AG:EX <Peter.Juk@gov.bc.ca>; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX <Richard.Fyfe@gov.bc.ca>; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca>; Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX <Evan.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>; Mihlar, Fazil JTT:EX <Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca>; Campbell, Tracy MAH:EX <Tracy.Campbell@gov.bc.ca>; Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX <Lucy.Lobmeier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: IN Huawei CFO Arrest_Dec 6 2018_V3

I added a line at the end of the first paragraph, Okenge. Good with that addition.

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From: [Aaron. Sage PREM:EX](#)
To: [Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX](#)
Subject: Re: More
Date: December 8, 2018 9:17:16 PM

Thank you.

Sage
778-678-0832
Sent from my mobile device

> On Dec 8, 2018, at 8:51 PM, Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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> From dm

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> Corrections is very attuned to the interest and concerns. s.22

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s.22 . And I'm happy to speak to anyone.

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> Btw, Okenge and I spoke last evenings.16

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> Sent from my iPhone

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To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
Cc: Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL: IN Huawei

Looks good. Thanks, oym

From: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 3:51 PM
To: Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX
Cc: Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL: IN Huawei
Importance: High

Hi Okenge – would you like to review the attached messages/information note developed by JTT GCPE for Minister Ralston's use?

Thanks
Sukumar

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Subject: FW: Just in....

Just fyi

From: Acquarone, Francis JTT:EX
Sent: December 12, 2018 2:58 PM
To: Irwin, Paul JTT:EX ; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX ; Hoyle, William JTT:EX
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<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-foreign-affairs-minister-says-second-canadian-may-have-been-detained/>

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From: Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 4:39 PM
To: Yuma Morisho, Okenge IGRS:EX; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
Subject: FW: KM - Meng bail

Hello

Here is what I have from GCPE Headquarters. Hope this helps.^{s.13}
s.13

Kim Emerson

Communications Manager
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat
(Cell) 250-812-8768

From: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 4:36 PM
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Subject: Fwd: KM - Meng bail

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GCPE
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX" <Caroline.McAndrews@gov.bc.ca>
Date: December 11, 2018 at 3:26:47 PM PST
To: "Takkar, Nimmi PSSG:EX" <Nimmi.Takkar@gov.bc.ca>, "Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX" <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX" <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>, "Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX" <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>, "Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX" <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>, "Indridson, Ian GCPE:EX" <Ian.Indridson@gov.bc.ca>, "Watson, Jason GCPE:EX" <Jason.Watson@gov.bc.ca>, "Sitter, Donna GCPE:EX" <Donna.Sitter@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: KM - Meng bail

Hi Nimmi/Liam:
From Corrections, in case needed re. Meng (in light of bail; does not speak to special electronic supervision):

Holding Lines re Meng Release:

- Due to mandatory privacy legislation, we cannot speak to the specifics of a BC Corrections client's case management and supervision.

- We can confirm that probation officers supervise clients in the community by working closely with local police and community partners to ensure offenders comply with the terms of their court-ordered supervision.
- The degree of supervision provided by BC Corrections reflects the risk that the offender poses – essentially, the higher the risk, the higher the degree of supervision.
- If there is evidence that an offender has breached his/her conditions, police or BC Corrections can submit a report to Crown to independently assess whether charges should be approved and proceed to court.

Caroline McAndrews

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Subject: FW: iPolitics: Evening Brief

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From: tno@gov.bc.ca
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:29 PM
Subject: iPolitics: Evening Brief

iPolitics

11-Dec-2018 15:30

Quoted: Oval Office, The Lead, Alberta Premier Rachel Notley, Canada Kelly Craft

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Cc: Mihlar, Fazil JTT:EX; Yuma Morisho, Okenge IGRS:EX; loseth@bcfii.ca
Subject: Re: Vancouver Sun: China calls on Canada to free Huawei CFO or face consequences

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John

> On Dec 8, 2018, at 9:15 AM, Allan, John FLNR:EX <John.Allan@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
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> <http://vancouver.sun.com/news/world/china-calls-on-canada-to-free-huawei-cfo-or-face-consequences/wcm/840f22ac-4a33-4ccc-9193-b17b4b8a66e5>

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Sent: December 6, 2018 10:47 AM
To: Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX
Cc: Smith, Grant H IGRS:EX; Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
Subject: Follow-up

From: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 1:43 PM
To: Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX
Subject: bit more info

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Sent: December 6, 2018 10:46 AM
To: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX
Subject: Re: bit more info

Thx!

Okenge Yuma Morisho
Deputy Minister
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat
Office of the Premier

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Attachments: IN Huawei CFO Arrest_Dec 10 2018_DRAFT 2.docx

Importance: High

Any comments before I give Courtney the go-ahead from our perspective?
thanks

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
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To: [Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX](#); [Khaira, Manjit IGRS:EX](#)
Subject: FW: URGENT - Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver
Date: December 5, 2018 2:47:40 PM
Importance: High

Sorry, should have copied you on this too.

From: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
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Fyi only

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<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-canada-has-arrested-huaweis-global-chief-financial-officer-in/>

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To: [Richardson, Robert C AG:EX](#)
Cc: [Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX](#); [Khaira, Manjit IGRS:EX](#); [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#); [Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Chinese Consul General request an urgent meeting
Date: December 6, 2018 11:05:03 AM

Very helpful, thank you. No, I would not assume familiarity with the Canadian legal system or what legal matters fall into federal/provincial jurisdiction.

Thanks again

Sukumar

From: Richardson, Robert C AG:EX
Sent: December 6, 2018 11:03 AM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX <Lucy.Lobmeier@gov.bc.ca>; Khaira, Manjit IGRS:EX <Manjit.Khaira@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Chinese Consul General request an urgent meeting

Hi Sukumar:

Thanks for letting me know. I am not sure if I am the best person to ask about points for the Minister as I am with the AG not SG.

I would suggest based on my limited knowledge of this matter:

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Are they familiar with the system of law in Canada?

Thx

Rob

From: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:32 AM
To: Richardson, Robert C AG:EX
Cc: Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX; Khaira, Manjit IGRS:EX; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX; Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Chinese Consul General request an urgent meeting

Hi Robert

Thanks for getting in touch.^{s.13}

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My DM has apparently

spoken with DM Mark Sieben on this issue. Would it be possible for you to provide some basic response points for Minister Ralston's use?

Many thanks

Sukumar

Sukumar PERIWAL

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From: Richardson, Robert C AG:EX

Sent: December 6, 2018 9:46 AM

To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Chinese Consul General request an urgent meeting

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From: Cavanaugh, Lynda A AG:EX

Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:06 AM

To: Richardson, Robert C AG:EX

Cc: Porcher, Elizabeth AG:EX

Subject: FW: Chinese Consul General request an urgent meeting

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Let them know I've not responded. Thanks.

From: china.vancouver [<mailto:china.vancouver@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:15 PM

To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A AG:EX

Subject: Chinese Consul General request an urgent meeting

Dear Assistant Deputy Minister Cavanaugh,

I'm sending you this email on behalf of Chinese Consul General in Vancouver, Mme. TONG Xiaoling to request your kind arrangement for a meeting to discuss an urgent business on December 6. Please kindly let me know your available time tomorrow at your earliest convenience. I can also be reached at 604-3453327. Thank you.

Best regards,

Xintao Zheng

Consul

Office of Consul General

Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Vancouver

From: [Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX](#)
To: [Irwin, Paul JTT:EX](#)
Subject: RE: URGENT - Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver
Date: December 6, 2018 11:37:08 AM

We are working on the letters right now. Lauren Hamman will send to you for your review s.22

From: Irwin, Paul JTT:EX
Sent: December 6, 2018 11:34 AM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: URGENT - Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver

Yes, will be interesting to watch closely –s.22 s.13;s.16
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From: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
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Yes, saw that. Certainly causing a lot of waves in global media and markets. s.13;s.16
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Will keep you posted if I get any further intel. Thx Paul.

From: Irwin, Paul JTT:EX
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Subject: FW: URGENT - Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver
Importance: High

Heads up on two major breaking (or soon to break) stories relating to major Chinese companies operating in Canada.

The first is **Huawei**, which you may have seen today. Huawei has a partnership with Telus around development of the 5G network. s.13;s.16

s.13;s.16

The second is related to **Anbang** – the Chinese company put into receivership by the Chinese government s.13;s.16

s.13;s.16

More details to follow.....

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-canada-has-arrested-huaweis-global-chief-financial-officer-in/>

Canada arrests Huawei's global chief financial officer in Vancouver

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To: [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FW: URGENT: Huawei
Date: December 6, 2018 2:22:36 PM
Attachments: [IN Huawei CFO Arrest Dec 6 2018 V3.docx](#)
Importance: High

Just to keep you in the loop...

From: Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX
Sent: December 6, 2018 1:50 PM
To: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX <Richard.Fyfe@gov.bc.ca>; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca>; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>; Lloyd, Evan GCPE:EX <Evan.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>; Mihlar, Fazil JTT:EX <Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca>; Campbell, Tracy MAH:EX <Tracy.Campbell@gov.bc.ca>; Lobmeier, Lucy S IGRS:EX <Lucy.Lobmeier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: URGENT: Huawei
Importance: High

Mark: Thanks for your call. Are you comfortable with the attached. [s.13;s.16](#)

[s.13;s.16](#) Please note that I need to send this note to Minister Ralston ASAP as [s.13;s.16](#)

Richard: Just FYI.

Thanks, oym

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To: [Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FW: URGENT: Huawei Note
Date: December 6, 2018 2:53:03 PM
Attachments: [IN Huawei CFO Arrest Dec 6 2018 V3.docx](#)
Importance: High

Just fyi – all good now, I think. Thanks for all your work on this!

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To: McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: URGENT: Huawei Note
Importance: High

James: as discussed, please find attached a note for the Minister on Huawei in advance of the s.13;s.16

Thanks, oym

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To: [Irwin, Paul JTT:EX](#)
Subject: FW: URGENT: Huawei Note
Date: December 6, 2018 2:53:47 PM
Attachments: IN Huawei CFO Arrest Dec 6 2018 V3.docx
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Just fyi

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From: [Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX](#)
To: [Vinette, Nicole IGRS:EX](#)
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW: KM on BC-China Trade
Date: December 11, 2018 3:10:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

From: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: KM on BC-China Trade

Great, thanks!

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: KM on BC-China Trade

MDD made it clear in his conference call yesterday that this was a postponement and they'd be rescheduling, but I'll run it past FLNRO to be sure!

Courtney

From: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: KM on BC-China Trade

You're fast. Just saw it on twitter 23 seconds ago.

No concerns from me, ^{s.13;s.16}
^{s.13;s.16}

Thanks

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:03 PM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW: KM on BC-China Trade

Sukumar,

Any concerns with the messaging below that we've put together on BC-China Trade relations? This would only to be used if the minister is asked when he's out and about.

BTW, just heard that Meng has been granted bail.

Courtney

From: Hoyle, William JTT:EX

Sent: December 11, 2018 1:20 PM

To: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Perzoff, Lara GCPE:EX <Lara.Perzoff@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: KM on BC-China Trade

Hi Courtney,

I have something drafted for Lara, just running it past IGRS and then will run it past our A/ADM one more time. ETA later this afternoon.

No additional comments to what you have below. You may also wish to check with Sukumar Periwal in IGRS.

Thanks,

W

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 1:17 PM

To: Hoyle, William JTT:EX

Cc: Perzoff, Lara GCPE:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX

Subject: FOR REVIEW: KM on BC-China Trade

Importance: High

Hi William,

I added some messaging to our IN on BC-China Trade impacts. Lara's working on the QA as you know that will have much more detail, but the Minister is getting several media requests on this topic so I'd like to get something to him as quickly as possible. Could you please take a look at the messaging we've drafted and let me know how it looks, and if there's anything else we can say at this point?

BTW – the judge will make a decision re: bail today at 2pm, so this IN will be updated again shortly. Here's the messaging (also attached):

s.13;s.16

Thanks,

Courtney

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From: [Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX](#)
To: [Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Global News: BC 1: Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou has been granted bail as she fights possible extrad...
Date: December 11, 2018 3:25:31 PM

Thanks Kim

From: Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX <Okenge.YumaMorisho@gov.bc.ca>; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca>; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Global News: BC 1: Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou has been granted bail as she fights possible extrad...

FYI

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From: tno@gov.bc.ca <tno@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:16 PM
Subject: Global News: BC 1: Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou has been granted bail as she fights possible extrad...

Global News: BC 1 (Vancouver)

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To: [Vandermolen, Chad HLTH:EX](#)
Subject: FW: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL: IN Huawei
Date: December 11, 2018 3:36:36 PM
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Sensitivity: Confidential

Just fyi – please keep confidential.
thanks

From: Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 3:29 PM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL: IN Huawei

Hi Sukumar,

Please find the attached IN, updated with the latest. This is also with William Hoyle for review.

Thanks!

Courtney

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From: [Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX](#)
To: [Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: KM - Meng bail
Date: December 11, 2018 4:51:26 PM

Thanks Kim. Is it safe to assume Courtney Stewart would have also seen this direction, or would it be possible to convey to her?
thanks

From: Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 4:39 PM
To: Yuma Morisho, Okenge PREM:EX <Okenge.YumaMorisho@gov.bc.ca>; Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca>; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: KM - Meng bail

Hello

Here is what I have from GCPE Headquarters. Hope this helps ^{s.13}
s.13

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From: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX
Sent: December 11, 2018 4:36 PM
To: Emerson, Kim GCPE:EX <Kim.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: KM - Meng bail

Don Zadravec
Executive Director
GCPE
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Cc: "Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX" <Mark.Sieben@gov.bc.ca>, "Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX" <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>, "Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX" <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>,

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Subject: KM - Meng bail

Hi Nimmi/Liam:

From Corrections, in case needed re. Meng (in light of bail; does not speak to special electronic supervision):

Holding Lines re Meng Release:

- Due to mandatory privacy legislation, we cannot speak to the specifics of a BC Corrections client's case management and supervision.
- We can confirm that probation officers supervise clients in the community by working closely with local police and community partners to ensure offenders comply with the terms of their court-ordered supervision.
- The degree of supervision provided by BC Corrections reflects the risk that the offender poses – essentially, the higher the risk, the higher the degree of supervision.
- If there is evidence that an offender has breached his/her conditions, police or BC Corrections can submit a report to Crown to independently assess whether charges should be approved and proceed to court.

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From: [Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX](#)
To: [Sparling, Anika IGRS:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Follow-Up Item for 12-12-2018: FPT Teleconference on U.S. advocacy and outreach / téléconférence FPT: la défense des intérêts aux États-Unis
Date: December 12, 2018 1:57:31 PM

Thanks Anika!

From: Sparling, Anika IGRS:EX
Sent: December 12, 2018 11:38 AM
To: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>; Vinette, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Vinette@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Follow-Up Item for 12-12-2018: FPT Teleconference on U.S. advocacy and outreach / téléconférence FPT: la défense des intérêts aux États-Unis

FYI some public comments from Minister Freeland on Huawei (and USMCA).

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Sent: December 12, 2018 11:31 AM
To: Wallace.Ip@international.gc.ca; Hewitt, Jeremy IGRS:EX <Jeremy.Hewitt@gov.bc.ca>; Gitane.DeSilva@international.gc.ca; Tristan.Sanregret@gov.ab.ca; Liam.Stone@international.gc.ca; Chris.Ryan@gov.ab.ca; jodi.banks@gov.sk.ca; amy.standish@gov.sk.ca; renata.bereziuk@gov.sk.ca; Elliott.Brown@gov.mb.ca; Laura.Pyles@gov.mb.ca; XT:HLTH Falck, Brian <brian.falck@gov.mb.ca>; Stewart.Wheeler@ontario.ca; Bill.Carr@ontario.ca; Jeremy.Wilson-Simerman@international.gc.ca; Ranissah.Samah@ontario.ca; trevor.snyder@ontario.ca; Kirsten.Kazlauskas@mri.gouv.qc.ca; Lynn.MacKay@gnb.ca; elaine.campbell@gnb.ca; Darryl.Eisan@novascotia.ca; RAGALLANT@gov.pe.ca; danm@gov.nl.ca; AngelaLedwell@gov.nl.ca; shawn_mccann@gov.nt.ca; Jennifer_Dallman-Sanders@gov.nt.ca; Ashley.Tomlins@gov.yk.ca; Loretta@canadaspremiers.ca; Sigurdson, Judi FIN:EX <Judi.Sigurdson@gov.bc.ca>; chris.radojewski@gov.ab.ca; Sparling, Anika IGRS:EX <Anika.Sparling@gov.bc.ca>; jfrowledge@gov.pe.ca; Jonathan.Sauve@ontario.ca; Jasen.Sagman@ontario.ca; kbwhitnell@gov.pe.ca; Vinette, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Vinette@gov.bc.ca>; david.kettles@gov.ab.ca; andrea.cox@gov.ab.ca; Matthew.Gordon@ontario.ca; JoAnn.VanSanten@gov.mb.ca; Gayle.Nathanson2@ontario.ca; J.Andrew.MacDonald@novascotia.ca; Cathy_Jewison@gov.nt.ca; sophie.girard-cartier@mri.gouv.qc.ca; Natalia.Hnydyuk2@gov.mb.ca; Andrea.Cox@international.gc.ca; Frederic.Tremblay@mri.gouv.qc.ca; jfcollins@gov.pe.ca; Helena.Kolozetti@ontario.ca; TKyak@GOV.NU.CA; Harjot_Sidhu@gov.nt.ca; MPuddicombe@gov.nl.ca; Angele.Deschamps@ontario.ca; AVickers@gov.nl.ca; Julia.Chappaz@novascotia.ca; Robert.Capecchi@international.gc.ca; Nadette.schermann@gov.sk.ca; SFlaherty@GOV.NU.CA; jean-pierre.forgues@mri.gouv.qc.ca; andrew.dunn@gov.sk.ca; STuftsEIA@GOV.NU.CA
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Thanks everyone for today's call.

Please find below a summary and transcript of Minister Freeland's event with the New York Times.
Thanks to Leah Nosal on my team for putting it together.

All the best for the holidays and talk to you on our next call of January 9, 2019.

Take care,
Niall

Yesterday (December 11), Minister Freeland discussed the new NAFTA and Canada's foreign policy during an armchair panel discussion with the New York Times at the Rotman School of Management in Toronto. Please find full transcripts below and the video recording here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M6k8lcDuTI8> (MINA starts at 22:13).

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DATE/DATE: December 11, 2018 17:30

LOCATION/ENDROIT: Rotman School of Management Fleck Atrium, Ground Floor, North Building, University of Toronto, 105 St. George St., Toronto, ON

PRINCIPAL(S)/PRINCIPAUX: Lindsey Wiebe, Canada Audience Editor, The New York Times
Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Mark Thompson, President and Chief Executive
Officer, The New York Times
Peter Baker, Chief White House Correspondent, The
New York Times
Jamison Steeve, Executive Director, Martin

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SUBJECT/SUJET: **Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland** discusses the new NAFTA and Canada's foreign policy during an armchair panel discussion with Mark Thompson, President and Chief Executive Officer of The New York Times, and Peter Baker, Chief White House Correspondent for The New York Times.

Lindsey Wiebe: Good evening. My name is Lindsey Wiebe, and I am the Canada Audience Editor for The New York Times. I'm delighted to be here with you tonight. I joined the Times earlier this year with a focus on understanding and serving our Canadian audience. It's something we try to do not just through our coverage but with subscriber conference calls, our weekly Canada Letter newsletter, and with events like this one, among many other efforts. Canadians make up our largest subscriber group outside of the United States. As a Canadian myself, based here in Toronto, it's been a pleasure to get to know you.

Tonight's event is part of The New York Times' Subscriber Event Series. The goal is to create a space for Times subscribers to engage in dialogue with our journalists. We've hosted events in Toronto on a near-monthly basis. Some recent highlights include The Art of Book Reviewing, featuring a panel of Times editors, critics, and contributors, and a tour of the renowned Stratford Festival led by theatre critic Jesse Green. I'd like to give special thanks to our partners at the Martin Prosperity Institute, the Rotman School of Management, and the University of Toronto for hosting this evening's event. As was mentioned, this marks our fifth collaboration with the Martin Prosperity Institute. Most recently we hosted a powerful discussion on journalism and the MeToo movement with Times journalists, including Jodi Kantor and Emily Steel, as well as a conversation with correspondent Rukmini Callimachi on her Islamic State reporting and The New York Times podcast, Caliphate.

And now, to turn our attention to this evening, please join me in welcoming the Honourable **Chrystia Freeland**, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mark Thompson, the President and CEO of The New York Times Company; and, Peter Baker, Chief Whitehouse Correspondent for The New York Times. (Applause).

Mark Thompson: Well, perhap—perhaps I can just begin by saying that Peter and I were reflecting a moment ago there aren't many countries in the world you can go to, to a – to a public event, to be told the – the Foreign Minister has arrived by cycling through the snow. (Laughter). There's something – something unique and, I have to say, I think, incredibly precious about that, so hang on – hang on to it.

Something else to say about **Chrystia Freeland** is I think – I think you became Minister of Foreign Affairs a few days before the – the inauguration of – of Donald Trump. There aren't many of your predecessors, I'm guessing who've had quite as large and groaning intrays (ph) as – as you've had in your time, and in—including a certain kind of ev—event into which Canada seems to be placed, not, as it were, through its own choosing.

And I guess we'd better begin with – with today, the news of a – of a former Canadian diplomat, Michael Kovrig, being – being arrested in China in what many people are saying may be retaliation for the arrest in this country on behalf of the US law enforcement authorities of the Chinese company Huawei's CFO. She was in court again, I think, again today. Could you just tell us what – what your government's understanding is of the current situation and what you're going to do about it?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: You're really starting soft, Mark. I – I like that.

Mark Thompson: Well, I did the – I did the bit about the bicycle too (crosstalk).

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Yeah, yeah, OK. Thank you. (Laughter. No, so look, all – all laughing aside, when it comes to consular cases, and you know, speaking as a Canadian Foreign Minister, as – particularly of Canadians detained abroad, what we have first and foremost in mind is that these are people. These are our compatriots. And we have a tremendously important duty of care that we take really seriously. We've been in touch with Mr. Kovrig's family, and we have raised the issue with the Chinese authorities. When it comes to the case of – as we do always, and you know, we – I want to say, you know, especially if his family members are hearing us tonight, this has our attention at the very highest levels of our government. We're very, very focused on it. And you know, know that we are concerned.

When it comes to the case of Ms. Meng, I think it's really important to be clear that Canada is a rule-of-law country and Canada is a country that believes in abiding by its treaty obligations. In the case of Ms. Meng, all due process, all Canadian due process, has been followed to this point. This is a situation where there has been no political interference at all. This has been purely a case of abiding by treaty obligations. At this point, as you mentioned, Mark, her case is before the courts. We have been very clear with China that she has been convicted of breaking no laws. She absolutely ought to have full – Chinese officials have full consular access to her. We need to treat her in a respectful way, and that is what we are seeking to do. And at this stage, the case is before the courts and will be handled, is being handled, by Canadian judges in accordance with the law, and that's how it has to be.

And you know, I am sure everyone appreciates here, and I certainly appreciate also, the geopolitical complexity potentially radiating from all of this. But being a rule-of-law country is core to who we are as a country. And being a rule-of-law country, you can't – you know, it's not like going to a buffet. You can't sort of say I follow rule of law for these two dishes because I really like them, but this one I don't like so much so we're not going to be rule-of-law in this matter. I – at this point the case is before Canadian judges. I spot in the audience Tom Heintzman, one of Canada's most distinguished lawyers. And I think Tom – he really is – and I think Tom will agree with me that our independent legal system is one of the finest, if not the finest, in the world. I trust it, Canadians should trust it, and our partners around the world should trust it too.

Peter Baker: **Minister Freeland**, you said you're concerned obviously about Michael Kovrig and you're in touch with the Canada—the Chinese government about his case. But you didn't say whether or not you think it's related. Are these two things related?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: That's right that I didn't say that.

Peter Baker: Yes. We noticed. (Laughter). Have you – have you had any indications from the Chinese government that they're related?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: We are treating Mr. Kovrig's case really seriously. He is a Canadian who has been detained, and we're very focused on it. We've raised it with the Chinese authorities, and we're in touch with his family.

Peter Baker: OK. What other pressure has the Chinese government tried to put on Canada since Ms. Meng's arrest? They called your ambassador in. There's – obviously there's a lot of trade between Canada and China. It's a big, big, important thing to – to Canada. What – what are the potential ramifications of this?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Yeah. I think, Peter, that's really a question for China. What is important for us to communicate to China, and also to Canadians, is what I've just said: that this case, the detention of Ms. Meng, is not a political judgment by Canada. This is about Canada abiding by an extradition treaty with no political interference at all.

Peter Baker: Are you told about this arrest --

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: It would --

Peter Baker: -- before it happens, or does this happen automatically without your knowledge?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: The Prime Minister has said that he was informed that it would happen. And in accordance with our processes, there was no interference. We – we believe very strongly in following our treaty commitments and in not interfering politically. You can – there is a real slippery slope there that you can slide down incredibly quickly. And you know, both Mark and Meric referred at the beginning to this being a pretty complicated time in the world. We're seeing a lot of countries around the world that are starting to play fast and loose with democratic institutions and with rule of law. Canada is not going to be one of those countries. And it's not always so easy to be a rule-of-law country, but in the fullness of time we're always going to be glad that we stick to that. And I just want to say one – yeah, let's – we agree with that, right? (Applause).

And I'm going to say just one more thing to Peter's question. It's important for us, and – and we're working on this, to be sure that this reality of what has happened is fully explained by us to China. And I do want to take this opportunity to say that Canada's relationship with China is important. It's a relationship that we value. It's a relationship that can and will and must continue.

Peter Baker: You – you said there are countries around the world that are showing some signs of playing fast and loose with rule-of-law systems, and they may or may not – may or may not be as committed to rule of law as they had once been. Do you include the United States in that list? (Laughter).

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: You know what? Actually, I think that one of the things that a

lot of people have commented on, including many New York Times reporters and commentators, is the incredible resilience of US institutions, very much including the rule of law and the judiciary. And I think Canadians, you know, we're right next door to you guys. We have the world's longest unmilitarized border. Quite a few of us read The New York Times, in fact.

Peter Baker: Yeah. More and more hopefully now.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: And so, you know, Canadians are well aware of the working of the US judiciary and, you know, frankly, some of the really, really admirable ways that the US judiciary has operated. Now, I think the Canadian judiciary is the very, very best, of course, but --

Mark Thompson: Just before we -- I'm sure we're going to spend much of this conversation talking about US-Canada relations. Just before then, this -- this broader point about countries which are -- which are playing fast and loose. I'm -- there was an incident in the summer where you did something which a few years ago would have been regarded as being unremarkable. You -- you, I think, tweeted, or certainly let it be known that you and -- and the Canadian government were --

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: It was a tweet. I know what you're talking about.

Mark Thompson: -- were -- were -- (laughter) -- were anxious about the treatment of -- of some women -- women's rights advocates in -- in Saudi Arabia. And the -- the response of the Saudi Arabian government was very aggressive to that -- to that tweet. And I suppose my question really is do you have to think carefully. I mean, if, as you said, Canada's, in a sense, is playing by old rules, or traditional rules, time -- tried and testing rules, you might well argue, but there are other countries there which, for whatever reason, have decided to throw away that -- that rulebook in ways which potentially could be damaging to Canada, do -- do you and your colleagues have to think carefully about language and about tactics, given how different the -- the climate is out there now?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Yeah, that is an excellent question, Mark. And of course we have to think really carefully about language and tactics always, and I hope that Canadian Ministers, that Ministers of the Crown, always have done that. But you're right that we're living in a fraught time and in a time when some certainties are not so certain anymore. You know, my favourite book at the moment is -- and I think I'm going to give you, New York Times, another plug. I think I saw this reviewed in The New York Times book review a couple of weeks ago -- is the new Robert Kagan book, *The Jungle Grows Back*. And you know, his basic -- hi--the basic argument he makes is that the post-war, rules-based international order and domestic liberal democracies are not the resting natural state of the world, and that they are not also kind of the natural, you know, state to which we are all inevitably, as humans and as human societies and as a world community, progressing.

But what he argues instead is that this was quite a deliberate, quite a conscious effort, to construct something in the post-war period, led by the United States. If I had been Bob's editor, I would have said you should point out more the role Canada played in building this order, because we were there at the creation.

Mark Thompson: Yeah. True.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: But his core point is, with The Jungle Grows Back point, is, you know, that this post-war order, it's like a garden. You know, my dad's a farmer, so I would say it's like a farm. And if you don't weed it all the time, if you don't seed your crops every spring, if you don't fertilize them, if you don't weed them as a gardener or spray them as a farmer, and if you don't harvest them, you're not going to have a garden anymore. So to your point, I wouldn't say it's old-fashioned rules that we believe in; it's actually the liberal democracy that we're lucky enough to have now.

And I think, as Canadians, we are very conscious that we are very lucky. I would argue – and I don't think that this is gloating at all – I think Canada is the strongest liberal democracy in the world right now. And if you guys disagree with me, name me one that's stronger. (Applause). Right? Truly. Like, we're standing – we're standing pretty strong, and that's great. It means we have to pay a lot of attention to weeding our garden at home because we are not under any illusions, you know, as a government. And I'm going to speak for Canadians here. I think we know we're not immune to the disruptive forces other liberal democracies are facing. And you're right, Mark. Like, being the strongest liberal democracy in the world, it can put you in some awkward circumstances in the rest of the world. But I think we need to be proud of who we are and stand up for who we are, and, frankly, help people who are living in darker places right now. (Applause).

Peter Baker: (Inaudible)

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: You guys are clapping too much. It's going to make the reporters mad and ask meaner questions. (Laughter).

Peter Baker: No. You say – you say that the – Canada's the strongest liberal democracy in the world right now, and – and you – this is a fascinating week, actually, to have that conversation. Because if you – if you look at Europe, of course, we've got Theresa May struggling with Brexit, possibly on the edge of – and Mark just got back from there.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: I think we have to question Mark about that.

Peter Baker: We should question Mark about that. But we've got President Macron obviously in retreat with the Yellow Vests and the – Angela Merkel now has anointed a likeminded successor, but she's on her way out.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: She had to win a contest --

Peter Baker: She had to win a contest.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: -- in the CDU.

Peter Baker: Yes.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: AKK. She wasn't anointed. She was --

Peter Baker: No, no, you're right.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: -- she was Merkel's choice.

Peter Baker: Yes. Yes.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: I happen to – I was in Berlin on Friday and Saturday, and like, that was a real race.

Peter Baker: It was. My only point is that – is that she's now on her way out, and – and that Merkel, who had been seen as a – a leader if not the leader of the western world on some level, is – is going to be retreating from the stage at some point soon. How – what do you – these larger forces that are happening, what – you know, John Lewis Gaddis told me recently, he says it's not a surprise that the liberal international order of the Cold War is beginning to fray; what's surprising is it lasted this long after the end of the Cold War. So what replaces it? I mean, what are – what are we supposed to be doing right now? What do we, as a – as a larger democratic, rule-of-order world, supposed to be doing to replace what had existed in the superpower conflict that no longer is quite the same?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: So I wouldn't use the verb replace. I would say more renew and make fit for purpose for the 21st century. And there is certainly work there to be done. And you know, I put the challenges in sort of two categories. I think one challenge is the one that people who thought about this kind of thing have been thinking about for 20 or 30 years. Certainly, you know, when I was at the FT, many columns and editorials were written about this, which is how is our, you know, rules-based international order, which, at the end of the day, was based on the Transatlantic Alliance – Canada, US, western Europe, maybe plus Japan – how are we going to expand that to accommodate the rising powers, particularly of Asia. And that was a question a lot of people had been thinking about for a long time, and that question still needs to be figured out.

I think the new question, which has kind of hoveled into view, that was less expected, was what happens if established liberal democracies start being a little bit less convinced of the value of being an established liberal democracy. And look, Peter, I – I'm not going to pretend that in a sound bite I can answer what we do. What I would say is – and Canada is – what I'm about to say is something Canada is doing. We need to work hard to work with likeminded countries to get things done. You know, instead of cursing the darkness, let's light a single candle. And I'm going to give a specific example, small but valuable, of a thing that we've done.

So Syria, huge, terrible tragedy. I think there is still going to be a moral accounting of us, the west, you know, and the fact that we allowed this to happen. And it's not over. There was a moment this summer, late June, when the Assad forces were taking more and more territory. And there's a group in Syria called the White Helmets, who are really, really brave volunteers who got together to rescue fellow Syrians who'd been attacked and to gather evidence of war crimes. And as Assad was making progress, they were getting squeezed, and the White Helmets were particularly targeted by Assad and Pukiyin (ph), that there was not going to be reconciliation with them, that they were being called terrorists, and they were in real danger. All of this happened just before the NATO meeting. And you'll remember the summer NATO meeting was a rather interesting, dramatic time.

But as it was happening, we, Canada, became aware of what was happening. We raised it.

We said we have a moral responsibility to rescue these people. Western countries, including Canada, had actually been funding the White Helmets. And that resonated particularly with Germany, with Heiko Maas, and with the UK, Jeremy Hunt. And we worked together, crucially with the support of the US, without the US being involved and helping us – also Israel and Jordan were crucial – but it was us, likeminded countries, stepping up, taking the lead. And some of those White Helmets are already in Canada. I met them a few weeks ago, a group of them, and they are such great people. They were saying they are really glad to be here, and they want to set up their own White Helmets in Canada, but they don't know what problem they could address. (Laughter).

Peter Baker: Yeah. Yeah.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: So this is actually true. So they're thinking of maybe forest fires. (Laughter). But you know, my point here is that we countries who believe in the liberal, rules-based international order, we need to step up, we need to take the lead, we need to form alliances of a kind that maybe we weren't forming before. And I don't want to overstate this specific example. It's not the solution to everything. But it shows that we need to just start doing.

Mark Thompson: In your view, does Donald Trump believe in that kind of rules-based, multilateral, multinational body? Because it's – I mean, get me out of here were his words at the end of the – of the G20. And isn't it a problem if – if the – if the leader of what has historically been the principal guarantor of this order seems to have pretty serious problems with it himself?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: But you know what? So that's why I used the White Helmets example, because the US was not the leader, but President Trump personally helped to make it happen. And President Trump's personal engagement was one of the reasons it was possible to take the White Helmets through Israel to Jordan and on to their other final destinations. And actually, Jeremy Hunt and Theresa May were very essential to that, as was Heiko Maas of Germany. So you know, stuff can still be done, and it's important, you know, for us as political leaders to try to work not – not only to kind of despair – there's a lot to despair about, Mark, don't get me wrong – but to also think about OK, where are the places where we can actually do something good.

Mark Thompson: And just to understand it, so you're saying that – that Donald Trump's remarks about the United Nations, about – about NATO, his – his --

Peter Baker: About Canada.

Mark Thompson: -- about – extensively about – about Canada, that at some level doesn't – doesn't matter or can be worked around?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: No, I didn't say that, Mark, and you know that I didn't say that. And you know, look, it's not --

Mark Thompson: You've giv—but you've given us one admirable example against the backdrop of a year where a lot of organizations of exactly the kind you're talking about, on which this – this order was built, have been on the receiving end of really aggressive language from the American President.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: I was Canada's --

Mark Thompson: Perhaps (crosstalk) --

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: -- lead NAFTA negotiator, so I am familiar with the challenges. (Laughter). But I do -- or -- so -- and -- and I -- I agree -- I take your point that it is important not to pretend they're not there. You know, the first step towards, you know, accomplishing something is to scope out what is the depth of the challenge. And I -- I take your point that there is a really big challenge. All that I'm arguing is OK, it's one thing to, you know, be worried and be sad in our kitchens, but then let's also, you know, roll up our sleeves and see what we can do.

Peter Baker: I want to point out it was 20 minutes in before Donald Trump's name was mentioned, which for me is a record in my last couple of years. (Laughter). But it -- that brings me back to Buenos Aires, where the G20 met, and that's where you and I were last together, just about a week ago. She was on stage; I was in the scrum in the back in the -- with the photographers and the badly-dressed people. But what was striking about this was this was the ceremony where Prime Minister Trudeau, President Trump, and -- and President Pena Nieto signed the new North American Free Trade Agreement, or US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, whatever you want to call it --

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Or Canada-US-Mexico Agreement, as we call it --

Peter Baker: The Canada-US-Mexico Agreement.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: -- in Canada.

Mark Thompson: Yeah. (Laughter). (Crosstalk).

Peter Baker: And it -- it was a striking ceremony. First, there are a couple of things I want to ask about. There's -- one is, is it true that the Prime Minister was at least contemplating not coming, because it wasn't originally on his schedule?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Our objective was always to get to a signing on the 30th of November, and we're glad that we got there. (Laughter).

Peter Baker: OK. (Applause). I have new appreciation for my Canadian colleagues. (Laughs). Was -- what was it that made him want to go, in the end? What -- what was the deciding factor for him to actually attend the ceremony -- not to sign it, because it was going to be signed, but to attend the ceremony?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: You know, that the deal was done. And this is an important agreement for Canada and the United States. And the new NAFTA is a good agreement for Canada and the United States I will say, Peter, that, as the Prime Minister said in his remarks -- and you were there, you heard him -- what was and continues to be really a source of great concern for Canada is the continued imposition of 232 national security tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum. And we're really not happy about that. We consider these tariffs to be illegal and unjust. We are challenging them at the NAFTA Tribunal, and we kept Chapter 19, and that is a very good place to challenge stuff, and we're challenging

them at the WTO. We have also imposed retaliatory, dollar-for-dollar tariffs in response. And you know, the reason – yeah, and I will offer just one other fact about it, which is it's worth pointing out to people that our trade in steel with the United States, between Canada and the US, is perfectly balanced. The US has a slight surplus.

But the reason that this is such an issue for Canada is the national security justification. I mean, come on. You know, we are part—partners in NATO, we are partners in NORAD. We share the world's largest undefended border. As people are now aware, we have an extradition treaty. And – (laughter) – to say that somehow Canadian steel and aluminum poses a national security threat really is beyond the pale. And so given that we've now actually concluded our trade agreement, which never should have been part of the conversation because it's national security, but we've done our trade deal. We are great security partners. It really is not on to have these 232 steel and aluminum tariffs. So that is a concern that Canada continues to have in our relationship – in our economic relationship with the US.

Peter Baker: Well – and he did mention that, as you said.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: And the Prime Minister was clear about that.

Peter Baker: He was very clear about that. One of the things I was struck by, watching him, though – and I was only a few feet away – was he stood – he stared forward most of the time. He didn't really look to the side very much. I would say it was a little like a hostage video I've seen in the past. And the – the warmth that he had at least expressed in the past for his friend Donald, I would say, was no longer there. It struck me a year ago when we were here that the strategy for Canada in dealing with a volatile figure like Donald Trump was the Prime Minister would be the good cop, you would be the tough cop, and what you got --

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: I am very physically threatening. (Laughter).

Peter Baker: -- in return – he – he has – he has said that, hasn't he? President Trump has said that about you, if I remember correctly. But – (laughter) – what you got in return was weak and dishonest, we're not going to sign the communiqué, you know, and so forth and so on. What is the strategy? Is – if – if the charm offensive was of limited im—of limited utility, what is today's strategy toward dealing with President Trump?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Well, I would challenge the notion that our strategy towards the US has been of limited utility because we have a good trade agreement. And that has been the dominant issue in our relationship with the United States. And you know, at the very beginning of the NAFTA negotiation, we said there were going to be a lot of moments of drama. We were not mistaken in that prediction. But we got there in the end. And I think, for our government – and, you know, I hope I can say most Canadians would agree – we got to a good place. So that was the objective. We got there.

Mark Thompson: Did you ever think of – of not signing until the steel and aluminum tariffs issue was resolved? I mean, given how strongly you feel about it – it will not stand, we can't accept it – it's slightly curious to be part of a photo op on – on the – on the broader trade treaty, isn't it?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: So it's a good question, Mark. Our position on the 232 tariffs and the NAFTA negotiations – because you will recall, and like, Canadians really will recall this – the NAFTA negotiations I feel like were like a national – I don't know, like a Netflix series or something. Like, people were very focused on it.

Mark Thompson: And – and the – I mean, I guess people here will know that the 232 is – is the clause which is – is a – that's a national security justification --

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: That's right.

Mark Thompson: -- for – yeah.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Yeah. No, like, Canadians have become very wonkish on trade issues. People, like, stop me in the grocery store. They're like so, you know, rules of origin, do you think the labour value requirement, how does that work? Truly. This is not – I'm not joking.

Mark Thompson: Yeah, no. No.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: It's actually true. So our position, which is the legally right position – (laughter) – back to rule of law.

Mark Thompson: Yeah.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: From the outset, the – the 232 tariffs were imposed while the NAFTA negotiations were ongoing. And we were very clear that a national security consideration is not and cannot be part of a trade negotiation. That – and that's actually the case in the US legislation which creates the national security consideration. It is not about anything other than whether or not there is a national security threat. And that's the case we're making at NAFTA and WTO tribunals. So – and we have been saying this, Mark, since before the 232 tariffs were imposed, and we've said it throughout. So it's been very important for us to be true to our own arguments about this and to keep these two in different lanes. Having said that, we also – and I – you know, the Prime Minister was absolutely right to make the point as he did on November 30th – it was absolutely important to not hide our displeasure.

And I'll just say one more thing about November 30th, what happened there, because this is a key point. In addition to signing the new NAFTA, we signed some side letters between Canada and the US. Those letter entered into legal force on the moment of signing. So they entered into legal force on November 30th. Crucially for us, one of those side letters was about 232 on cars and car parts. And it – it's in force, it exists, and it provides Canada with what I think of as a flood insurance policy, which effectively protects our car sector from 232 tariffs were they to be levied on other countries by the US on cars and car parts. That's a pretty great thing to have.

Peter Baker: Let me ask – I think we're wrapping up. One more before – before we have questions from the audience. Let me ask on that, though, President Trump on the way home – I was on Air Force 1 with him on the way home from Buenos Aires. He says I'm going to terminate NAFTA. Now that we've got this deal signed, I'm going to go ahead and terminate NAFTA as soon as I get back. I think he then realized that it was

President Bush's big accomplishment, and maybe doing it the week of President Bush's funeral wasn't the nicest thing in the world. But he's going to do it, he says, anyway in the coming days. That would start a six-month clock, if I understand, in terms of withdrawal. In effect, he's daring Congress, you have to pass this new one by six months, otherwise we have nothing or we go back to da—to – we actually have to go back to a Canada-US free trade agreement separate from the Ca—the Mexico. Is that right?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Right. It's – it – it's never been abrogated.

Peter Baker: Right.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: And it kind of lies underneath NAFTA.

Peter Baker: Right. So if NAFTA, in theory, went away, there would still be this underlying thing that would govern our trade relationship. But what do you – what do you make of Congress and your Parliament – what – what will – this does not go into effect until both those and the Mexican --

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: And Mexico.

Peter Baker: -- Legislature passes it. Will you have any trouble here in Canada? And what if Congress comes back and says, well, we've got all this different – these different things we want to do with the enacting legislation. Does that unravel things, if they begin mucking around in it?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: OK, so many questions there. And you know, the core answer is our work with the United States and Mexico was the work of negotiating this new NAFTA. And the US, in your system, you clearly designate who is the person we're supposed to negotiate with. It is the USTR, in this case Ambassador Lighthizer. He was our counterparty from the US, and we worked at it really hard and spent a lot of time at it, but at the end of the day we got an agreement with the US and Mexico. At this point, as you pointed out, Peter, what's left is the domestic processes in each country: in Canada, in the US, and in Mexico.

I think as Canadians, we would not take very warmly to another country getting involved in our own domestic ratification process, and we take the same respectful attitude towards the US domestic ratification process. That's something for Ambassador Lighthizer and the administration to handle. And I will say Ambassador Lighthizer, he is certainly a tough negotiator for the US. I hope he would say I'm a tough negotiator for Canada. But he's also a real pro.

Peter Baker: Yeah.

Mark Thompson: OK, I think we're about to go to a question from the audience. If I can have one last one as well, which is a change of --

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: You're the boss.

Mark Thompson: -- a change of subject, a change of subject, which is – which is fully – partly because of your own background in – in our world as a – as a journalist. And

I know this is not your brief, but your – your government's recently announced a package of – of tax credits, about \$600 million worth of tax credits, which are intended – the detail yet to come – to support the – the journalism in Canada. I guess my question is give us a sense of how – about how you feel the current state of journalism in this country, its economics, and whether 600 million of – of tax credits over five years is really the kind of scale of intervention which is likely to – to support it and strengthen it.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: So yeah, that is a great question. And I --

Mark Thompson: (Crosstalk)

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: -- have known you since before I became a politician.

Mark Thompson: Hey.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: And I think, you know, even in that time, we've had conversations about how hard it is to fund good journalism today. You know, it is a truism that I think all people know, but certainly, you know, you guys as current journalists, me as a former on, are very aware of. It's hard to find the business model that supports journalism. At the same time – and I'm going to come back to where we started – liberal democracy is under threat. And we really believe, our government, in the importance of journalism as a key pillar of liberal democracy. Without good journalism, you cannot have good democracy. I was really pleased that Time magazine named journalists as their heroes of the year. And one of my – other one of my favourite books is Tim Snyder's new book, *The Path [sic] to Unfreedom*, and he dedicate its to journalists, who he calls the heroes of our time.

So that's why we did it, is because we know, you know, you're faced with these two things: one, the business model is really challenged; but two, your society needs it to be healthy. So I feel very comfortable that we've done the right thing. Details still need to be worked out. And you know, the – the other thing I'll say, which you will understand very much, given your own history, Mark, is, you know – Mark used to run the BBC. We love the CBC. Right? Canada also has a tradition of a public broadcaster that I believe plays a crucial role in – you know, informing our democracy, and also actually in keeping our country together.

Mark Thompson: (Off microphone). (Applause).

Peter Baker: So yeah, Mark, we – we've got four – we've got four mics in the audience. Raise your hand. We'll try our best to get to everybody. Tell the Minister your name, and make your question really short. No speeches, please. (Laughter). Who's first?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: And if you live in University-Rosedale, you can say that too.

Peter Baker: Oh, yeah. I forgot.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: I have to be extra nice to you.

Peter Baker: OK. First question in the west end over there.

Question: Oh, hi. Elizabeth Hurley. And thank you very much for the

work you do. I just wanted to ask you about, with an election coming up in Canada, what's the government going to do about misinformation and other governments that might interfere in our country?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Do you want me to answer one by one, or let everybody ask?

Peter Baker: No, let's go one by one.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: One by one? OK.

Peter Baker: Yeah, yeah.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: So Elizabeth, I think that is a great question. Karina Gould, our Minister for Democratic Institutions, has been talking about that, as has Ralph Goodale. I think we should not take the threat of malign foreign interference lightly at all. And you know, we as a government are definitely working on that. But the other thing that I would say is I think, above all, what matters is informed people. We've met – as part of our work on this, we've spent a lot of time talking to the Baltic republics. Canada leads the NATO battle group in Latvia, so we talk a lot with the Latvians, but also with the Estonians and the Lithuanians.

And we had a meeting a couple of months ago with a group of Estonians, including, like, the guy in Estonia whose job is to fend off malign interference, which in that case means Russia, and, like, that's a big job. And I asked him that question, and Karina was there too, and he said you know what, the good – the strength that we have is Estonians are really aware that this effort is there and that it's constant. And that aware citizenry is actually our biggest secret. It's not about fancy cyber stuff; it's about people being smart and alert. And at the end of the day, I think that's going to be a key part for us.

Peter Baker: Person near the back. Stand up, please.

Question: Hello, Minister. Jeffrey Wiebe (ph). Those nefarious words, middle power, if it was ever fact, it had some sort of currency at one point. Is it still relative – relevant – now?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: Yeah. I think it is. I mean, I am careful to qualify when I talk about Canada as a middle power because I think, since we live right next door to the Americans, we sort of think of ourselves as a middle power. But we're the tenth-largest economy in the world. And to give you a sense of what that means, our economy is a little bigger than Russia's. Right? So think about that for a minute. We're not that small. People think we're pretty attractive. I was – as I mentioned, I was in Berlin on Friday and Saturday, and there was an event on Saturday during which the German foreign minister said we really wish you guys were geographically a little closer because we'd love to invite you to join the EU.

Mark Thompson: (Crosstalk) the UK. (Laughter).

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: You would be – yeah, he said it. It's (inaudible). He said you guys would make --

Mark Thompson: Get rid of those --

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: -- a great European country.

Mark Thompson: -- pesky Brits, and yeah, yeah.

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: He didn't say that. He said – he said we love the Brits, but we'd really like to have you guys. We also speak French, so – (laughter). So you know, I – I think we need to be careful as Canadians not to think that we're smaller or less influential than we actually are.

Having said that, it's true we're not a superpower. And there are ultimately only 36 million of us. And so that's why I think that we need to work so hard – that – that's – two conclusions come from that. One is the rules-based multilateral order is essential from – for us. A world in which might makes right is a really bad world for Canada. We really, really need a world of rules. And I think – I think Canadians really get that. I think that's one reason that we – a lot of us feel so strongly about it. The second thing is we know that we can be more effective when we act in concert with our allies.

And you know, what I suggested to one of Mark's earlier questions is I think, you know, at the WTO they – since it's been so hard to progress beyond the Doha round, this idea of doing plurilateral deals has developed, that you kind of get groups of likeminded countries to move together in a direction. These deals are open, so new countries can come in. And maybe it's because I'm a former trade minister, but I think we have to start thinking and working a little bit in that direction in foreign policy too. And as maybe a big middle power, that's the kind of thing that I think Canada can and should be good at.

Peter Baker: Sort of in the middle here.

Question: Dennis Daniman (ph). (Inaudible) in the Nobel laureate in economics, said two things prevent countries from going into poverty: one is a free press, and the other are democratic elections. How are we going to make sure that the – the cyber wars and – and – that occurred in the States in the elections don't happen in Canada the next time around?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: It's an excellent question. You know, as I said in response to Elizabeth's question, you know, we're aware of it. I think we have to be very aware of the danger of malign foreign interference. I think we need to have, you know, as strong as possible of an impartial and independent democratic media – or not democratic – media – also that is across the country. There have been some interesting studies correlating media deserts, places that don't have their own media, with a higher incidence of populism.

But I think at the end of the day, what it's going to come down to is Canadians – Canadian citizens, Canadian voters – making an active political choice. And also, it's about political leadership. Like, I really think, you know, as I think is evident from this conversation, I believe so strongly how precious and valuable our liberal democracy is. And so it's going to be my job, and the job of my colleagues, to talk to a lot of Canadians and say guys, this is really important, let's be sure we don't let it be wrecked.

Peter Baker: Back over on the west side. Yeah.

Question: Hi. William Cohen (ph). As our NATO allies, such as Hungary, Turkey, Poland, begin to turn away from liberal democracy and towards authoritarianism, how is NATO working to ensure the strength of the alliance, and what's Canada's role in that?

Hon. Chrystia Freeland: There are too many good questions this evening. I mean, I would put that into two parts. One is what we're doing in NATO, and the other is what do you do, you know, with rising authoritarianism among your friends, as well as among countries that are not military allies. In terms of NATO – and I was just at the NATO foreign ministers meeting in Brussels last week – Canada is very engaged in NATO right now. We lead, as I mentioned, we lead the NATO battle group in Latvia, Operation Enhanced Forward Presence. That is a big and important commitment. We have just taken on the NATO command in the new NATO training mission in Iraq, and the Canadian commander is already there on the ground, starting to get to work. We are very engaged in supporting Romania and our allies in the Black Sea. So we really – you know, the rules-based international order started with the Transatlantic Alliance, and we have to, first and foremost, be sure that that alliance is strong. So we are really engaged.

In terms of authoritarianism creeping into countries, you know, I think there are two things happening on the liberal democracy, you know, health watch in the world. One is this assumption we used to have – some people used to have. I probably had it also, because I'm an optimist – that, as authoritarian regimes grew richer, they would sort of inevitably move towards being a liberal democracy. And you know, people often talk about Francis Fukuyama's End of History. But this has been an idea from before that. Right? Jeane Kirkpatrick talked about it, and it happened in a lot of countries. So that seems not to be working, and we're seeing a lot of authoritarian regimes get richer and decide they want to stay authoritarian, which is worrying and makes this international order harder to maintain.

But the second thing we're seeing is countries that had been really quite effectively moving towards being liberal democracies are pulling back. One issue that Canada is concerned about, that we've been public about, partly because Canadian students and professors are involved, is the attacks on Central European University. That was a really great – and here we are in a university, so maybe it's worth mentioning – a really fantastic institution. I think it's really sad for Hungary that it is having to move some of its operations to Vienna.

And so we express our views, and we do what we can also – I think this is important as well – to shore up our liberal democratic allies. That's one reason that I think we're working so hard in the Baltics. It's one reason that last week we announced \$24 million to support the election in Ukraine this spring, which will be absolutely crucial. And there will be – if invited, there will be a very big Canadian election monitoring mission. We will work to support the OSCE. And part of the work we will do is to try to help combat – try to defend the integrity of that process against outside malign actors.

Peter Baker: We're going to have to pause there. Jamison.

Jamison Steeve: Please join me in thanking everyone who was on stage tonight. (Applause).

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Many thanks for this info, Rob.

Regards
Sukumar

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Hi Sukumar:

Just wanted to keep you looped in [s.13;s.16](#)
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Thx

Rob

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Hi Sukumar:

Thanks for letting me know. I am not sure if I am the best person to ask about points for the Minister as I am with the AG not SG.

I would suggest based on my limited knowledge of this matter:

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Are they familiar with the system of law in Canada?

Thx

Rob

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Hi Robert

Thanks for getting in touch.^{s.13}

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My DM has apparently

spoken with DM Mark Sieben on this issue. Would it be possible for you to provide some basic response points for Minister Ralston's use?

Many thanks

Sukumar

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Let them know I've not responded. Thanks.

From: china.vancouver [<mailto:china.vancouver@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 5:15 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A AG:EX
Subject: Chinese Consul General request an urgent meeting

Dear Assistant Deputy Minister Cavanaugh,
I'm sending you this email on behalf of Chinese Consul General in Vancouver, Mme. TONG Xiaoling to request your kind arrangement for a meeting to discuss an urgent business on December 6. Please kindly let me know your available time tomorrow at your earliest convenience. I can also be reached at 604-3453327. Thank you.
Best regards,

Xintao Zheng
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Office of Consul General
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