

RE: Question for Minister Robinson interview

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To: Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca>, Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>, van Marum, Karen IGRS:EX <Karen.vanMarum@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 10, 2021 3:17:09 PM PDT
Hi All,

Here is a slightly revised version,^{s.13; s.16}
the outcome of the Sept 20 election:

which can be used regardless of

- China is the world's second largest economy and continues to post strong growth. China is the only G20 economy that saw growth in 2020, with a reported 2.3% real GDP growth. China's growing economy is making a significant contribution to world recovery efforts following the pandemic.
- Over the years, B.C. has developed strong commercial linkages with China and many B.C. businesses continue to engage positively with Chinese partners, clients and investors on commercial opportunities.
- Whilst we acknowledge that the Canada-China relationship has changed significantly in recent years, B.C. continues to advance our commercial interests in China and with Chinese partners where there is opportunity to do so; in accordance with multilateral rules^{s.13; s.16}
- B.C. businesses are well supported by our trade offices in China as well as Canadian trade commissioners in China,^{s.13; s.16}
- B.C. remains committed to diversification in the Indo-Pacific region and continues to engage with a wide range of commercial counterparts in the region.

Regards,
Lauren

From: van Marum, Karen IGRS:EX <Karen.vanMarum@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: September 9, 2021 4:53 PM
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Subject: RE: Question for Minister Robinson interview

GCPE just got back to me .

The interview will be held after the federal election (on the 27th). It will be aired publicly at an investors conference on the 28th.

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Subject: RE: Question for Minister Robinson interview

I assume the interview will be after the federal election.

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From: Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: Re: Question for Minister Robinson interview

Good start, Lauren. I would suggest adding a financial angle to these General trade messages so that it is more useful for Minister Robinson.

Here is a slightly revised version for your consideration:

- China is the world's second largest economy and continues to post strong growth. China is a significant contributor to the global economic recovery from the impacts of the COVID19 pandemic.
s.13; s.16 B.C. Is advancing our interests where there is opportunity to do so and in accordance with multilateral rules.
- Canadian Trade Commissioners in China continue to provide advice to B.C. businesses s.13; s.16 s.13; s.16
- Many B.C. businesses continue to engage positively with Chinese partners, clients and investors on commercial opportunities.

On Sep 9, 2021, at 2:19 PM, Hamman, Lauren IGRS:EX <Lauren.Hamman@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Sukumar, Karen,

I have pulled some points together based off the messaging s.13; s.16
s.13; s.16

For your review and input:

- China is Canada and B.C.'s second largest export market, behind the U.S.
s.13; s.16 B.C. continues to s.13; s.16 advancing it's interests in China where there is opportunity to do so. B.C and Canada continue to seek avenues to expand and enhance trade in compliance with the rules and within a broader diversification agenda.
- Many B.C. businesses continue to engage positively with Chinese partners, clients and investors on commercial opportunities.
- Canadian Trade Commissioners continue to provide advice to B.C. businesses s.13; s.16 s.13; s.16

Regards,
Lauren

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Subject: Fwd: Question for Minister Robinson interview

Hi Lauren and Karen

Would you please work on some messaging for Minister Robinson's response?

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Subject: Question for Minister Robinson interview

Good afternoon, Pierette and Sukumar..

We are preparing briefing materials for a scheduled Bloomberg interview with Minister Robinson in late Sept and following Q1 Report

The reporter has shared areas of interest and one concerned the BC -China relationship and I hoped you could supply some speaking points for the Minister :

Geopolitics: BC was the first foreign government to issue panda bonds. The NDP government returned to the Chinese market in 2017 saying it was important to raise capital in China in order to diversify trade and financial relationships. The relationship with China has changed considerably since then. How have tensions with China affected the BC economy and has it changed how the province approaches diversification?

Your advice by Monday wld be much appreciated

Best regards

Jim

Jim Hopkins

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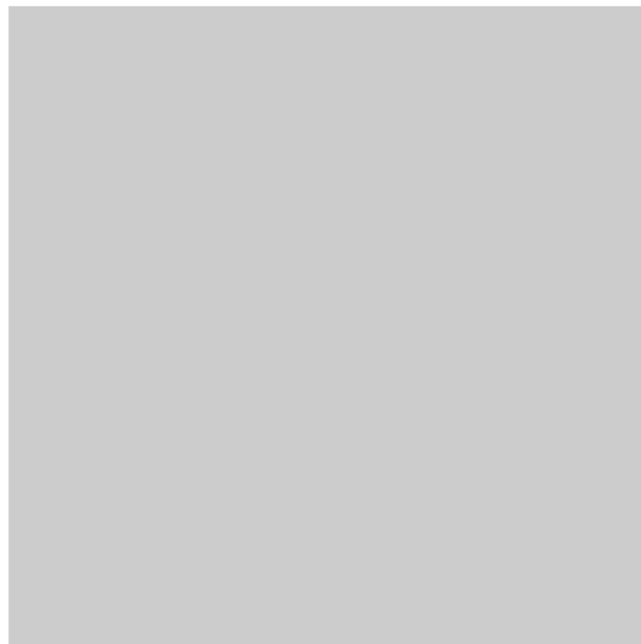
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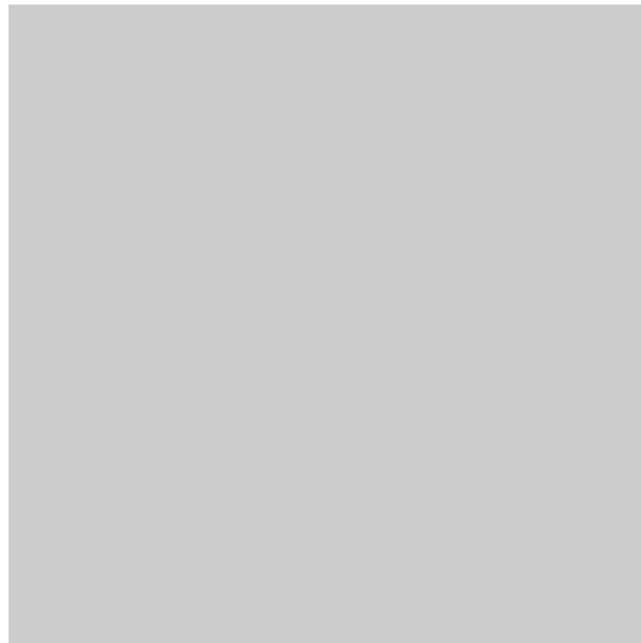
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Date: September 24, 2021

Minister Responsible: Hon. Ravi Kahlon/Hon.
George Chow

Two Canadians Detained in China Set Free

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- I'm pleased to hear the news that Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor have been released and have returned home to Canada from China.
- Both of these men have spent the past one-thousand days in prison, and they have shown incredible strength, resilience and perseverance during this very challenging ordeal.
- I want to thank our colleagues at Global Affairs Canada for the hard work they've done over two and a half years to secure their release.
- I know British Columbians and Canadians will be very happy to learn that these two men will finally be reunited with their families.
- The government of B.C. is committed to the protection of human rights within our province through policies like the establishment of the Human Rights Commissioner, and around the world by supporting the efforts of the Federal Government.

KEY FACTS REGARDING THE ISSUE:

Two Canadians who had been detained in China under espionage charges since December 2018 were released on September 24, 2021.

Prime Minister Trudeau held a last-minute news conference the evening of September 24th to let Canadians know that Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor had boarded a Canadian flight with Canada's ambassador Dominic Barton, and were headed back to Canada.

Kovrig and Spavor were released by China in the hours after China's Huawei executive Meng Wanzhou made a deal with U.S. prosecutors who dropped an extradition warrant and allowed Canada to release her.

Both men were arrested shortly after Meng was arrested at Vancouver International Airport in 2018 at the request of the United States, where she was wanted on fraud charges at the time.

It has long been suggested the arrest of Kovrig and Spavor was in retaliation for Meng's arrest.

The men were charged with espionage offences and Spavor had been found guilty in August and sentenced to 11 years in prison.

Global Affairs Canada, the lead federal agency in this issue, had been calling for their release for over two years, calling their detention arbitrary.^{s.16}

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Program Area Contacts: William Hoyle/ Leslie Teramoto/ Selena Basi

Two Michaels on a plane back to Canada - KMs from GAC

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Attachments: IN Two Canadians Detained in China Set Free_24September2021_v1.docx

Hi Leslie, Will and Karen,

I know it's Friday evening and it's after 10pm in Ottawa.

News is breaking that after Meng Wanzhou's court appearances today and after agreeing to the terms of her not guilty plea/deal, Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor have already been put on a plane home to Canada after 1,000 days in jail in China.

The PM has been commenting on their release. I have drafted an Issues Note (attached) in case the Minister gets any media calls over the weekend. Here is the recommended response for quick review and approval. We'll send on to the MO if you're comfortable with this:

- I'm pleased to hear the news that Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor have been released and have returned home to Canada from China.
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- The government of B.C. is committed to the protection of human rights within our province through policies like the establishment of the Human Rights Commissioner, and around the world by supporting the efforts of the Federal Government.

Please let me know if approved, and please forward anything shared by GAC. I'll make sure Selena sees our updated IN as well.

Thank you,

Lara

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Re: Trudeau on the two Michaels

From: Perzoff, Lara GCPE:EX <Lara.Perzoff@gov.bc.ca>
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Many thanks!

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On Sep 24, 2021, at 8:52 PM, van Marum, Karen IGRS:EX <Karen.vanMarum@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Cc: "Hamman, Lauren IGRS:EX" <Lauren.Hamman@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Trudeau on the two Michaels

The aircraft carrying Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor left Chinese airspace and they are on the way home. They boarded about 7:30 Ottawa Time along with Dominic Barton, Canada's Ambassador to China. These two men have gone through an unbelievable difficult ordeal. For the past 1000 days they've shown strength, perseverance, resilience and grace and we are all inspired by that. I want to thank their families who have been there for them supporting them in every way they could and supporting us in the work we've done in securing their release. I want to thank the countless diplomatic and other Canadian officials who have been tireless over the past two and half years to secure the return of these two Canadians. I want to thank our allies and partners around the world and the international community who stood steadfast in solidarity with Canada and with these two Canadians. And finally I want to thank Canadians who kept them in our thoughts and remain determined in the core value that Canadians have of standing up for one another and looking out for each other. These two men have been through an unbelievably difficult situation but it is inspiring and it's good news that they are on the way home to their families.

Karen van Marum
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No concerns. But cc'ing Pierrette and Karen who were looking at this last night.

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On Sep 25, 2021, at 10:03 AM, Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Draft tweet from PJH on the news:

>Relieved to hear the news that Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor have at last returned home to Canada . I know British Columbians will be very happy to learn that these two men have finally be reunited with their families.

Any concerns?

George Smith (he/him)

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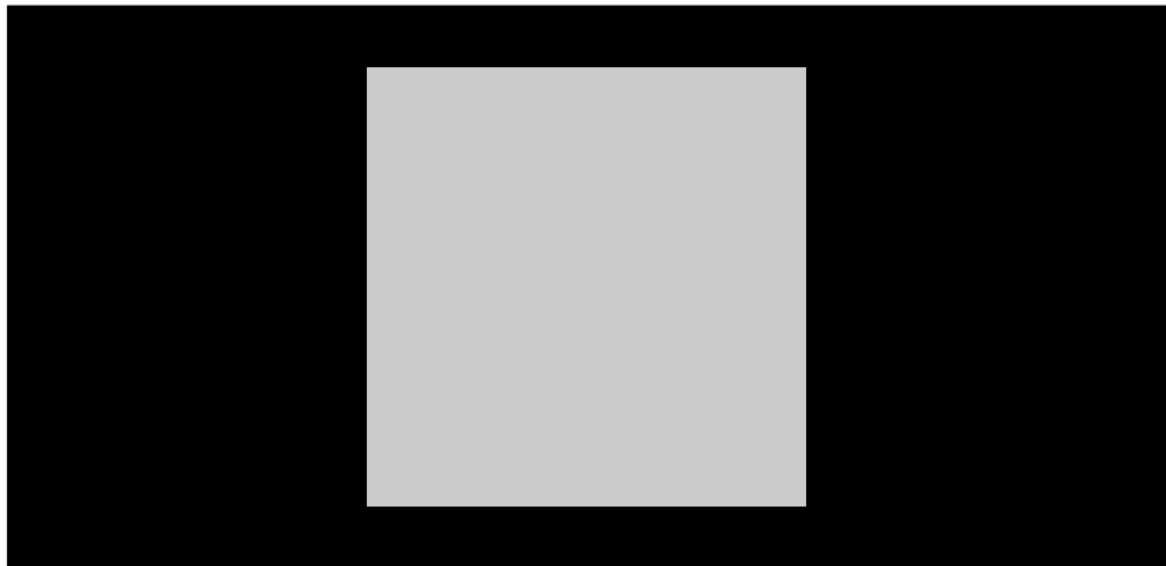
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