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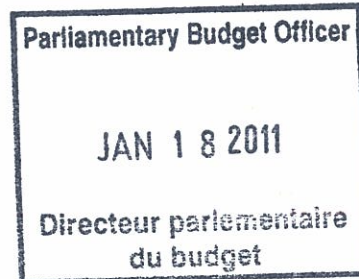
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Dear Mr. Page,

Thank you for your letter of November 17, 2010, addressed to the Deputy Minister, through which your office requested information pertaining to the proposed acquisition of F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft (Request 036), specifically:

- (1) the approved Statement of Requirements for the replacement of the CF-18s; and
- (2) the latest and upcoming US Department of Defense's Joint Estimating Team (JET) report relating to the F-35 and Joint Strike Fighter program.

As requested, the Statement of Requirements is provided in Annex A. As you are aware, the main body of the Statement of Requirements is unclassified but contains sensitive information to the Department of National Defence. I therefore request that access be restricted to a "need to know" basis and the document not be photocopied or further distributed in any manner. Additionally, you will note that this is a highly technical document, and as such we invite your office to contact Col Randy Meiklejohn, Directorate of Air Requirements, who would welcome the opportunity to discuss and offer clarification as necessary. Col Meiklejohn may be reached at 613-996-7825.

On the issue of the latest and upcoming JET reports, the Department has confirmed with the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office that no JET report was briefed or submitted to the Defense Acquisition Board on November 22, 2010, and that none of the partners have been provided with previous reports of the JET. The high-level results of JET I and JET II were briefed to Canada and the other partners and the essence of those briefings is contained in testimony by Christine Fox, Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, before the US Senate Committee on Armed

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Services on March 11, 2010. This testimony is provided for your reference in Annex B.

I trust that you will find the attached information useful in addressing the parliamentary inquiry received by your office. The Department remains available to discuss this request, or support other information inquiries pertaining to national defence issues.

Sincerely,



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Lieutenant-General

Annexes:

Annex A: Statement of Requirements

Annex B: Testimony by Christine Fox before the US Senate Committee on Armed Services (March 11, 2010)

c.c. Mr. Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister, Department of National Defence  
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