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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

This is further to your letter of April 24, 2017, requesting access to the information contained within a letter of request submitted to the Government of the United States.

As you are aware, on March 13, 2017, the Government of Canada submitted a letter of request to the Government of the United States outlining its requirements on capabilities, schedule and economic benefits for 18 F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft and associated in-service support to supplement the current CF-18 fleet until a permanent replacement fleet is in place and fully operational. The Government of Canada confirmed with the Government of the United States its commitment to apply its Industrial and Technological Benefits Policy to this potential procurement, requiring suppliers to make investments in Canada equal to their contract value. We expect to receive a response to the letter of request from the Government of the United States as early as fall 2017. This process, and the response we anticipate from the Government of the United States, does not commit the Government of Canada in any way. This remains a potential acquisition that the Government of Canada may consider in light of schedule, capability, cost and other factors.

Our department is committed to openness and transparency. We are providing you with the information you requested to further facilitate the work of your office. Please find enclosed a copy of the original Letter of Request for 18 Super Hornet aircraft and associated in-service support, as submitted to the U.S. government.

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