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Dear Mr. Fréchette:

I am writing in response to your 20 March 2018 information request regarding data, methodology and assumptions regarding the estimated cost of the proposed Canadian Armed Forces deployment to Mali (IR0358).

As I am sure you can appreciate, operational planning is still underway for this deployment and the cost drivers remain subject to change. Indeed, the details of the deployment of an Air Task Force by the Canadian Armed Forces in support of the *United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA)* will be finalized, pending the conclusion of negotiations with our partners and operational reconnaissance.

Understanding that cost estimates continue to be adjusted, please find enclosed National Defence's response to your request with initial information on the deployment of an Air Task Force to Mali, including:

- Signed Reply Form
- Cost Estimate Breakdown – Air Task Force Mali
- Operation Cost Estimate Process

National Defence will endeavour to provide you with updated information on the costing of this operation when it becomes available.

Please be advised that the enclosed documents contain sensitive information regarding the planning of a Canadian Armed Forces operation and I trust that it will be useful to begin your analysis. However, for operational reasons, I respectfully request that you do not release the enclosed documents publicly or share them outside of your organization.

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At your convenience, departmental officials will be available to brief your officials on the underlying methodologies and analysis that have gone into the development of the enclosed initial cost estimate breakdown. They will remain available to discuss changes to this information as the details of the deployment are confirmed.

I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,


Jody Thomas

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