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Mr. Tom Korski
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Dear Mr. Korski:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act* (ATIA), received by the Privy Council Office on March 1, 2021, for the following information:

“From September 30, 2020 all documents, records and correspondence including electronic communication and data regarding the subject matter of PC 2020-903 published the Canada Gazette Part II on December 9, 2020 and a November 26, 2020 news release headlined, "Minister Mendicino Announces The Coming Into Force Of The College Of Immigratin And Citizenship Consultants Act"”

We have now completed the processing of your request. Please find attached a copy of the records. You will note that certain information has been withheld from disclosure. This information has been withheld pursuant to subsections 16(2) (security), 19(1) (personal information), 69(1) (Confidences of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada), paragraph 21(1)(b) (consultations or deliberations), and section 23 (solicitor-client privilege) of the ATIA. A copy of these sections has been enclosed for your information.

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Please be advised that you are entitled to bring a complaint regarding the processing of your request to the Office of the Information Commissioner (30 Victoria Street, Gatineau, Québec K1A 1H3). The ATIA allows a complaint to be made within sixty days of the receipt of this notice.

Yours sincerely,

David Neilson
Executive Director
Access to Information and Privacy
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Access to Information Act

69(1) (CONFIDENCES OF THE QUEEN'S PRIVY COUNCIL FOR CANADA)

69(1) This Act does not apply to confidences of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing,

- (a) memoranda the purpose of which is to present proposals or recommendations to Council;
- (b) discussion papers the purpose of which is to present background explanations, analyses of problems or policy options to Council for consideration by Council in making decisions;
- (c) agenda of Council or records recording deliberations or decisions of Council;
- (d) records used for or reflecting communications or discussions between ministers of the Crown on matters relating to the making of government decisions or the formulation of government policy;
- (e) records the purpose of which is to brief ministers of the Crown in relation to matters that are before, or are proposed to be brought before, Council or that are the subject of communications or discussions referred to in paragraph (d);
- (f) draft legislation; and
- (g) records that contain information about the contents of any record within a class of records referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f).

(g) records that contain information about the contents of any record within a class of records referred to in paragraphs (a).

(g) records that contain information about the contents of any record within a class of records referred to in paragraphs (b).

(g) records that contain information about the contents of any record within a class of records referred to in paragraphs (c).

(g) records that contain information about the contents of any record within a class of records referred to in paragraphs (d).

(g) records that contain information about the contents of any record within a class of records referred to in paragraphs (e).

(g) records that contain information about the contents of any record within a class of records referred to in paragraphs (f).

69.1 (1) Where a certificate under section 38.13 of the Canada Evidence Act prohibiting the disclosure of information contained in a record is issued before a complaint is filed under this Act in respect of a request for access to that information, this Act does not apply to that information.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, where a certificate under section 38.13 of the Canada Evidence Act prohibiting the disclosure of information contained in a record is issued after the filing of a complaint under this Act in relation to a request for access to that information,

- (a) all proceedings under this Act in respect of the complaint, including an investigation, appeal or judicial review, are discontinued;
- (b) the Information Commissioner shall not disclose the information and shall take all necessary precautions to prevent its disclosure; and
- (c) the Information Commissioner shall, within 10 days after the certificate is published in the Canada Gazette, return the information to the head of the government institution that controls the information.

16(1) (LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INVESTIGATIONS)

16(1) The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains

- (a) information obtained or prepared by any government institution, or part of any government institution, that is an investigative body specified in the regulations in the course of lawful investigations pertaining to
- i) the detection, prevention or suppression of crime,
 - ii) the enforcement of any law of Canada or a province, or
 - iii) activities suspected of constituting threats to the security of Canada within the meaning of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service Act,
- (b) information relating to investigative techniques or plans for specific lawful investigations;
- (c) information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the enforcement of any law of Canada or a province or the conduct of lawful investigations, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, any such information
- i) relating to the existence or nature of a particular investigation,
 - ii) that would reveal the identity of a confidential source of information, or
 - iii) that was obtained or prepared in the course of an investigation; or
- (d) information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the security of penal institutions.

16(2) The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information that could reasonably be expected to facilitate the commission of an offence, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, any such information

- (a) on criminal methods or techniques;
- (b) that is technical information relating to weapons or potential weapons; or
- (c) on the vulnerability of particular buildings or other structures or systems, including computer or communication systems, or methods employed to protect such buildings or other structures or systems.

16(3) The head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information that was obtained or prepared by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police while performing policing services for a province or municipality pursuant to an arrangement made under section 20 of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act, where the Government of Canada has, on the request of the province or municipality agreed not to disclose such information.

16.1(1) The following heads of government institutions shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information that was obtained or created by them or on their behalf in the course of an investigation, examination or audit conducted by them or under their authority:

- (a) the Auditor General of Canada
- (b) the Commissioner of Official Languages for Canada
- (c) the Information Commissioner; and
- (d) the Privacy Commissioner.

16.2(1) The Commissioner of Lobbying shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information that was obtained or created by the Commissioner or on the Commissioner's behalf in the course of an investigation conducted by or under the authority of the Commissioner.

16.3 Subject to section 541 of the Canada Elections Act, the Chief Electoral Officer may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information that was obtained or created by or on behalf of a person who conducts an investigation, examination or review in the performance of their functions under the Canada Elections Act.

16.4(1) The Public Sector Integrity Commissioner shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information

(a) obtained or created by him or her or on his or her behalf in the course of an investigation into a disclosure made under the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act or an investigation commenced under section 33 of that Act; or

(b) received by a conciliator in the course of attempting to reach a settlement of a complaint filed under subsection 19.1(1) of that Act.

16.5 The head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information created for the purpose of making a disclosure under the Public Servants Disclosure Protection Act or in the course of an investigation into a disclosure under that Act.

16.6 The Secretariat of National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information obtained or created by it or on its behalf in the course of assisting the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians in fulfilling its mandate.

19(1) (PERSONAL INFORMATION)

19(1) Subject to subsection (2), the head of a government institution shall refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains personal information as defined in section 3 of the Privacy Act.

21(1) (OPERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT)

21(1) The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains

(a) advice or recommendations developed by or for a government institution or a minister of the Crown,

(b) an account of consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of a government institution, a minister of the Crown or the staff of a minister of the Crown,

(c) positions or plans developed for the purpose of negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the Government of Canada and considerations relating thereto, or

(d) plans relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a government institution that have not yet been put into operation,

23 (SOLICITOR-CLIENT PRIVILEGE)

23. The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Part that contains information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege or the professional secrecy of advocates and notaries or to litigation privilege.

23.1 The head of a government institution may refuse to disclose any record requested under this Act that contains information that is subject to the privilege set out in section 16.1 of the Patent Act or section 51.13 of the Trade-marks Act.