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Ms. Burke:

In response to the motion adopted by the Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency on October 20, 2022 concerning grounds for redactions applied to documents provided to the Committee, the material put forward by CSIS contained information that was withheld on the basis of the following five categories of national security injury. That is, CSIS seeks to protect this information as it would identify or tend to identify:

1. Service interest in individuals, groups or issues, including the existence or non-existence of past or present files or investigations, the intensity of investigations, or the degree or lack of success of investigations;
2. methods of operation and investigative techniques utilized by the Service;
3. relationships that the Service maintains with other police, security and intelligence agencies and the information exchanged in confidence with such agencies;
4. employees, internal procedures and administrative methodologies, and telecommunications systems used by the Service; and
5. persons that provided information to the Service.

Public identification of the above information would limit CSIS' ability to investigate threats to national security and as a result could increase threats to Canadians.

I hope this clarification is helpful to the Committee's understanding of the necessity for redactions to CSIS documents. Should we be in a position to revise any of our redactions, you will be advised accordingly.

As always, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Vigneault", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

David Vigneault

