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Subject: For MO Approval: Media response / Tier 1 - COVID-19 – Bolloré and supply orders / L'Actualité
Attachments: Réponse L'Actualité.docx

Cecely and James,
For MO approval please.

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Thanks.

Media response
L'actualité
Castonguay, Alec (L'Actualité)
Date call received: September 17, 2020 at 15:55
Deadline: September 25, 2020 at 16:00
Tier - COVID-19 - Bolloré and supply orders

BACKGROUND:

The journalist and head of the political bureau of L'Actualité magazine wrote a book about the pandemic and wants information about flights between Canada and China.

VALUES STATEMENT:

QUESTIONS / ANSWER:

Q1. How many flights did Bolloré make between Canada and China between March 1 and May 1, 2020, as a result of the contract Canada signed with this company?

Q2. What type of aircraft did Bolloré use? Did it use Air Canada aircraft? What kind of aircraft? Airbus? What kind?

Q3. How many flights returned to Canada empty (or how many flights did not take place because the cargo was not ready to be loaded)?

A1-3. The agreement in place with Bolloré Logistics Canada Inc. is for transportation, receiving, storage services and support with customs clearances on the ground in China. Oversight is maintained throughout the process from the point of pick up from the supplier until supplies are loaded onto the plane and departs. This end to end approach is in place to navigate the current,

complex supply chain environment, and includes working with Canadian airline partners Air Canada and CargoJet to carry the cargo back to Canada.

From March 1 to May 1, 2020, we received 21 flights of supplies from China carrying personal protective equipment (PPE).

In April, one federally chartered cargo flight returned from China to Canada without its intended shipment on board. This occurred due to a confluence of circumstances including a significant surge in cargo flights out of terminals at the Shanghai Airport at that time. It should be noted that the carrier was able to load cargo belonging to other Canadian entities and returned to Canada carrying that cargo. The carrier credited the Government of Canada with the costs they recovered from the other Canadian entities as a result of that transport flight.

We have since seen a steady flow of orders make their way to Canada, with 114 flights of supplies from China carrying PPE as of September 21, 2020.

Q4. Your website shows the amount of material ordered and received to date (as of the end of August). I would like the same information for the same type of equipment but for the months of February, March, April and May, broken down by month.

Q5. How many orders were made each month and how many were received in each category for each month in question?

A4-5. Here is the quantity of items ordered and received for February, March, April and May, as well as the number of orders made and received for those items during that period (see attached).