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**Sent:** April 8, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC); Media  
**Cc:** Elizabeth Lindsay; Bryan Blom; Me'Shel Gulliver Bélanger; Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC); Jean-François Létourneau  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request - Sam Cooper Global - PRC United Front companies/PPE procurement

Emily,

Here is the approved response:

1. CSIS' security advice is considered classified and any details in that regard cannot be disclosed publicly. It is important to note that, under its Immigration and Citizenship Screening program, CSIS provides security advice to partners such as the IRCC and CBSA under Section 34 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA) only. The responsibility for making a decision regarding a person's eligibilities lies with IRCC and or CBSA. I would recommend you contact them for any further questions.
2. As you can expect, we do not publicly comment, confirm or deny the specifics of our investigations and or methodologies.
3. Under our Act, CSIS clearly has a mandate to investigate espionage and sabotage, terrorism, foreign interference, and subversion and we will continue to use our legal authorities to ensure the Government of Canada receives intelligence on these critical issues.

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**From:** Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC) [mailto:emily.harris@canada.ca]  
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Would be good to see this response once approved on their end just as an FYI.

Thanks,  
Emily

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 8, 2020, at 11:39 AM, Media <[media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca](mailto:media@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca)> wrote:

FYI.

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Importance: High

Hi everyone,

We received the following media request from Global News.

**Reporter:** Sam Cooper

**Outlet:** Global

**Deadline:** Today (afternoon)

**Request:** *I'm looking at a story regarding self-reported UFWD actors and associates answering calls from Chinese consulates in Canada, to travel widely in Canada procuring PPEs, in order to ship to China, in the early part of this year. According to the reports from official Chinese government and CCP-media sources below, some of these UFWD entities may be involved in shipping PPE back to Canada and US, specifically to 'overseas Chinese' members in need in certain areas.*

1. *May I ask, if CSIS or the government of Canada can comment on reasons for visa actions taken against one of the self-reported actors in this global PPE effort, the Guangdong Community Federation –*
2. *Is CSIS or the government of Canada interested in monitoring whether actors linked to China could be involved in trading or hoarding of PPE supplies needed by Canadian professionals on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic response?*
3. *Actors associated to the Canada Chao Shan group, which is a self-identified associate of the Guangdong Community Federation, are listed in Panama Papers databases which include the address of a director convicted of drug offenses and associated to 'Vancouver Model' casino loan sharking networks in BC – is it possible that groups with connections to the UFWD and organized crime are operating in Canada to secure PPE from Canadian retailers – and if so, does the government of Canada have a response, and is CSIS empowered under national security laws to respond to the PPE operations?*

We're currently working on a response which I'll send once we have internal approval.

**John Townsend**

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