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Sent: April 2, 2020 6:08 PM
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Subject: RE: For approval: Media Response / Level 1 - COVID-19 - Ordering supplies from China / Agence France-Presse

I'm fine with that.

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Hi Leslie,

I spoke with Boyan and Tristan on this one, and confirmed with dept comms that Andrée had been engaged on the proposed response below re: the contract in place with Bolloré Logistics.

However, as this is certainly new information and could have implications on the ground in China, I wanted to ensure we got your input on sharing this publicly.

Understanding that this could also be an opportunity to refer back to in responses and interviews on the range of support we have on the ground.

Let us know your thoughts on confirming this.

Thanks,
Cecely

Begin forwarded message:

Media response

Agence France-Presse
Lemieux, Jacques (Agence France-Presse)
Date call received: March 31, 2020 at 1:10 PM
Deadline: (awaiting our response as soon as possible)
Level 1 - COVID-19 - Ordering supplies from China

CONTEXT: The reporter is seeking confirmation of information from the French company Bolloré, which is expected to deliver medical supplies from China via 15 flights beginning on April 2, 2020.

He wants the information as soon as possible, since he notes that Agence France-Presse (AFP) is an essential service as an international news agency.

VALUE STATEMENT: As part of the Government of Canada's whole-of-government response to COVID-19, Public Service and Procurement Canada, in collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada, is leading efforts to purchase equipment, supplies and services needed for the response is leading the efforts to get the equipment and supplies needed for the response.

QUESTIONS/ANSWERS:

Q1. Do you have any details on this operation, such as the type of supplies, schedule, etc.?

Q2. Is it true that the first flight is scheduled to land in Toronto on April 2?

A1-2: Canada has an arrangement with Bolloré Logistics to provide transportation, receiving, inspection and warehousing services. As part of this arrangement, Bolloré Logistics is arranging transportation from China of **personal protective equipment** purchased by the Government of Canada. This will be an on-going process as shipments are ready for movement to Canada.