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From: Gagnon, Chantal
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:34 PM
To: Stickney, Matt
Cc: Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC); Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC); Kim, Sabrina; Clow, Brian; Ahmad, Cameron
Subject: Re: Planes that returned empty -- China

I am ok with that

> On Apr 22, 2020, at 6:33 PM, Stickney, Matt <Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

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> Do we need to *thank* them?

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> Does this work?

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> Canadian officials are working closely with Chinese authorities as part of our efforts to ensure that Canada has the medical supplies we need in the fight against COVID-19. We appreciate their collaboration as we navigate the complexity of logistics on the ground with high global demand.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Gagnon, Chantal <Chantal.Gagnon@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>

> Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:48 PM

> To: Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC) <emily.harris@canada.ca>

> Cc: Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <cecely.roy@canada.ca>; Kim, Sabrina

> <Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Stickney, Matt

> <Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Clow, Brian <Brian.Clow@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>;

> Ahmad, Cameron <Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>

> Subject: Re: Planes that returned empty -- China

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> From you guys please. Cecely is on the chain with Chase. Just want to

> make sure issues/Stickney are ok first Thanks

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>> On Apr 22, 2020, at 5:47 PM, Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC) <emily.harris@canada.ca> wrote:

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>> That works - will you folks be responding or are we?

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> On Apr 22, 2020, at 5:44 PM, Gagnon, Chantal <Chantal.Gagnon@pmo-cpm.gc.ca> wrote:

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>>> Thanks. Can we simplify a bit like this? Others?

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>>> Canadian officials are working closely with Chinese authorities as part of our efforts to ensure that Canada has the medical supplies we need in the fight against COVID-19. We thank them for their collaboration as we navigate the complexity of logistics on the ground with such a high global demand.

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>>> On Apr 22, 2020, at 5:37 PM, Roy, Cecely (SPAC/PSPC) <cecely.roy@canada.ca<mailto:cecely.roy@canada.ca>> wrote:

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>>> Here is what we are proposing:
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>>> PSPC is working in collaboration with Ambassador Barton and his team on the ground in China, who are working closely with Chinese authorities as part of our efforts to ensure that Canada that has the medical supplies we need in the fight against COVID-19.

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>>> There is a surge in global demand for PPE and medical supplies as a result of the current crisis, and as China is a leading producer of these goods, many nations and organizations including Canada, are working to buy these supplies in the Chinese marketplace. We thank them for their work with Canadian officials as we navigate the complexity of logistics on the ground.

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>>> Cecely Roy
>>> Press Secretary | Attachée de presse Office of the Minister of
>>> Public Services and Procurement | Bureau de la ministre des Services
>>> publics et de l'Approvisionnement
>>> (343) 549-7293

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>>> On Apr 22, 2020, at 5:02 PM, Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC) <emily.harris@canada.ca<mailto:emily.harris@canada.ca>> wrote:

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>>> I'm adding Cecely - we'll work on something.
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Gagnon, Chantal [mailto:Chantal.Gagnon@pmo-cpm.gc.ca]
>>> Sent: April 22, 2020 4:55 PM
>>> To: Harris, Emily (SPAC/PSPC)
>>> <emily.harris@canada.ca<mailto:emily.harris@canada.ca>>
>>> Cc: Kim, Sabrina
>>> <Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Sabrina.Kim@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>;
>>> Stickney, Matt
>>> <Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>;
>>> Clow, Brian
>>> <Brian.Clow@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Brian.Clow@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>; Ahmad,
>>> Cameron
>>> <Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>
>>> Subject: Fwd: Planes that returned empty -- China

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>>> Hi Emily,
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>>> See below. Could you guys draft something that doesn't contradict different versions here?
>>> Could be something along the lines of thanking Chinese authorities on the ground for their collaboration on such a complex environment in terms of logistics and organization.

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>>> Can we please see what it would look like?

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>>> Begin forwarded message:
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>>> From: "Chase, Steven"
>>> <SChase@globeandmail.com<mailto:SChase@globeandmail.com>><mailto:SCha

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>>> e@globeandmail.com>>
>>> Date: April 22, 2020 at 4:32:27 PM EDT
>>> To: "Gagnon, Chantal
>>> (Chantal.Gagnon@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:Chantal.Gagnon@pmo-cpm.gc.ca><m
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>>> "cameron.ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca<mailto:cameron.ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca><mai
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>>> to:cameron.ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>>
>>> Subject: Planes that returned empty -- China
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>>> Hi. On Tuesday the Prime Minister talked at his briefing about the planes which returned empty.
>>> He cited "severe restrictions on the ground in China in terms of how long a plane can actually stay in their airports
before having to leave whether it's full or not."
>>> China's foreign ministry, however, disputes this. They say there is no restriction on ground time.
>>> You can see below from China's MFA comments:
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>>> My question is: Can you please respond to China's comments.
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>>> 1) Given what MFA is saying, does the PM want to revise his comments about ground time? Or do the comments
stand? I am specifically asking you about the "severe restrictions on the ground ... in terms of how long a plane can
actually stay in their airports before having to leave whether it's full or not."
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>>> Thanks
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>>> Steven Chase
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>>> PM Trudeau:
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>>> "We have - I got more information on the issue around the two planes that landed empty. One was a government of
Canada charter. The other was chartered by a specific province for one of their orders. There are severe restrictions on
the ground in China in terms of how long a plane can actually stay in their airports before having to leave whether it's
full or not. And at the same time, supply lines and truck shipments to the airports are difficult and interrupted by
checkpoints and quarantine measures.
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>>> Chinese Foreign Ministry:
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>>> AFP: Yesterday Canadian Prime Minister said that two planes sent to China to pick up shipments of medical supplies
were forced to return to Canada empty. He said it was because of China's ground time limit for charter flights. Can you
confirm this news and do you have any comment on that?
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>>> Geng Shuang: Since the outbreak of COVID-19, China and Canada have been offering each other support and
assistance and conducting anti-pandemic cooperation. Recently, the Canadian side has purchased medical supplies
through various channels in China and sent charter flights to Shanghai to bring them home. China has been assisting and
facilitating the Canadian side in its purchase, customs clearance and charter flight permits. The Canadian side has also
expressed thanks for this on various occasions.
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>>> As to the incident involving two Canadian flights returning empty, we have checked with the competent department and found relevant reports to be inaccurate. Relevant airports and civil aviation authorities place no limit on the ground time of chartered cargo planes.

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