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**From:** Ahmad, Cameron  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:47 PM  
**To:** Stickney, Matt  
**Cc:** Gagnon, Chantal; Deagle, Jordan  
**Subject:** Re: Star — Procurement Q

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On Apr 1, 2020, at 4:44 PM, Stickney, Matt <[Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:

Not aware of that specific case. But that type of stuff is definitely happening.

People are paying a premium to get stuff and jumping the line. We have a strategy at play to deal with it. But can't confirm that it did or didn't happen to be honest.

**From:** Ahmad, Cameron <[Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-com.gc.ca](mailto:Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-com.gc.ca)>  
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Just got this question from a reporter — have you heard anything about this?

Hello, Cameron. Is it true that a shipment of masks destined for Canada was taken by France in China? Thomas Gerbet, Radio-Canada

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On Apr 1, 2020, at 3:33 PM, Ahmad, Cameron <[Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:

Ok thanks

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On Apr 1, 2020, at 12:54 PM, Stickney, Matt <[Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:  
I don't think we want to be more specific than what the PM said.

We do have a plane arriving tonight but it's not huge quantities. We're hopeful to have another one on Friday or Saturday. And another early next week.

But our experience is that shit can go sideways in China and I'd be worried about giving exact dates.

Make sense?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2020, at 12:50 PM, Ahmad, Cameron <[Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca](mailto:Cameron.Ahmad@pmo-cpm.gc.ca)> wrote:

Hey, Bruce Arthur sent this Q to Katie. We are getting the latest media lines from Procurement but looking for your sense on what the frame should be:

My question is about when PPE might actually land. I am talking to doctors and nurses who are frantic; hospitals are saying they're days and weeks from running out. I know the PM said days or weeks, and I have someone telling me about an N95 shipment of 250K on April 5. But the last thing I want to spread is false hope. Do we know when meaningful shipments might actually arrive?

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