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Dec. 12, 1983

MEMO FOR BOB KIMMITT

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SUBJECT: 8491 Add-On

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Thanks much.

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# NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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December 13, 1983

VIA LDX

MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL

Executive Secretary Department of State

SUBJECT:

Presidential Response to Prime Minister Trudeau

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Please dispatch the attached letter to Prime Minister Trudeau via cable to Amembassy Ottawa, with notation that original will follow.

Robert M. Kimmitt Executive Secretary

Tab A Letter to Trudeau

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

#### **MEMORANDUM**

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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December 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB

SIGNED

SUBJECT:

Letter from the President to Prime Minister Trudeau Extending Invitation to Washington

The attached letter from the President to Trudeau responds to the Prime Minister's letter of November 18. In accordance with our decision to schedule a 60 minute meeting for the Prime Minister with the President on December 15, an invitation to Trudeau is included in the President's letter.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Disapprove Approve

Ron Lehman, Peter Sommer and Jack Matlock concur.

Tab I Memo to the President

Presidential letter to Trudeau Tab A

Tab A Presidential letter to Trudeau
Tab B Trudeau letter to the President of Nov. 18
Tab II State memo

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE UATION ROOM
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Letter to President Reagan from Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada

On November 18 the Canadian Embassy transmitted a letter from Prime Minister Trudeau to the President. Attached is a draft reply.

Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

## Attachments:

1. Draft Reply.

2. Letter from Prime Minister Trudeau,

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# Cobb:

Please attach the original Trudeau letter to Package #8491.

Thank-you, NSC/S

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Date November 29, 1983

Mr. Robert C. McFarlane For:

National Security Council

The White House

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Executive Secretary

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The Honourable Ronald Reagan
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The White House
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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM:

ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SUBJECT:

Response to Letter from Canadian Prime

Minister Trudeau

#### Issue

On November 6, 1983 Pierre Trudeau wrote to you to express the Canadian government's concern regarding U.S. subpoenas of documents held by Canadian bankers in Canada and in third countries.

#### Facts

This issue has been the subject of considerable discussion between the Canadian government and the Justice and State Departments. In our efforts to investigate and suppress organized criminal drug operations extending, in particular, to certain commonwealth countries in the Caribbean region, our law enforcement authorities have resorted on occasion to the use of bank subpoenas due to the absence of reciprocal cooperative agreements. Although U.S. courts have upheld the issuance of subpoenas, Canadian banks located in third countries are often placed in a position of violating host country laws if they comply with the U.S. subpoena.

#### Discussion

Your response to Prime Minister Trudeau advises him of our ongoing efforts to work out bilateral agreements with third countries and also to monitor very closely the use of subpoenas when dealing with Canadian banks. The Departments of State and Justice concur as do Fred Fielding and Speechwriters.

#### Recommendation

No No

That you sign the letter to Prime Minister Trudeau at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Response to Prime Minister Trudeau

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

Prepared by: Paul B. Thompson



# Canadian Embassy

### Ambassade du Canada

1746 Massachusetts Avenue N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036-1985

22 November 1983

Mr. James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President The White House Room 1/WW Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Baker,

I am enclosing the original of a letter dated November 6 from The Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada to the President concerning subpoenas issued by United States attorneys on offices of Canadian banks in the United States regarding documents in third countries. Copies of this letter were provided to the Departments of Justice and the Treasury on November 10 and to the Department of State on November 11.

In the event that a copy has not already been drawn to the attention of the President, I would be grateful if you could ensure that he is made aware of the Prime Minister's views.

Yours sincerely,

Allan Gotlieb Ambassador

A. C.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

January 30, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM:

PAUL B. THOMPSON &

SIGNED

SUBJECT:

Response Letter from Canadian Prime

Minister Trudeau

Prime Minister Trudeau wrote to the President on November 6, 1983 concerning the practice of U.S. law enforcement agencies to subpoena Canadian bank documents located in Canada and third countries, principally in the Caribbean. While the Canadian government is sympathetic to the U.S. interest in using subpoenas to help suppress criminal activities, the Canadian banks are often placed in an untenable position by such unilateral U.S. actions.

Although, as Prime Minister Trudeau points out, the bank subpoena issue was discussed last fall by Secretary of State for External Affairs Mac Eachen and Secretary Shultz, the Canadian government is still not satisfied that its banks are being spared the dilemma of choosing between violating host country laws and facing U.S. court contempt charges. Trudeau asks that no contempt action be taken until this problem can be resolved diplomatically.

In the attached response (Tab A), which has been jointly drafted by State and Justice (Tab II), the President informs the Prime Minister of several ongoing initiatives to ameliorate the subpoena issue, including that of a case-by-case monitoring system. The proposed response has the concurrence of Fred Fielding and Speechwriters.

Ty Cobb concurs.

#### Recommendation

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I, forwarding his letter to Prime Minister Trudeau for signature.

Approve		Disapprove	
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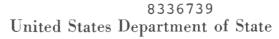
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Tab I Memo to the President

Tab A Response to P.M. Trudeau

Tab B Incoming Correspondence from P.M. Trudeau

Tab II Incoming Correspondence from State





Washington, D.C. 20520

December 10, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau

Prime Minister Trudeau wrote to the President on November 6, 1983 to express his concern regarding US subpoenas of documents held by Canadian bankers in Canada and in third countries. Attached is a suggested reply to Trudeau's letter drafted by the Departments of State and Justice along with a copy of the Trudeau letter and a Justice memo outlining the need for subpoena enforcement efforts.

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

#### Attachments:

Tab 1 - Suggested Reply

Tab 2 - Trudeau Letter to the President

Tab 3 - Justice Memo





Subject

Date

Illegal Money Laundering

November 14, 1983

To

From

The Attorney General

Stephen S. Trott Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

# A. The Crime/Money problem

It is currently estimated by the Department of Treasury and the Drug Enforcement Administration that approximately 76 billion dollars is generated annually in the illegal narcotics trade. The two key elements to successful drug trafficking are a good importation/distribution network and a good currency laundering system. It is important to understand the parallel movements of narcotics and money in combatting the national drug problem. Crime which exploits offshore haven banks, trusts and companies is extensive and is expanding.

## B. Money Laundering

"Laundering" involves the hiding of the "paper trail" that connects income or money with a person in order for that person to evade the payment of taxes, avoid prosecution for any federal, state or local offense and obviate any forfeiture of his illegally derived income or assets. While a financial investigation may concentrate on the money involved with crime, and particularly the proceeds, the criminal basis for the underlying offense is also of primary concern. By addressing the concept of financial crime, and attacking the finances of a criminal enterprise, the predicate crime (e.g., narcotics, gambling, extortion, illegal tax shelters) can be more effectively handled. A narcotics crime is easier to prosecute if both the distribution and financing are

<sup>1/</sup> The estimate for illict offshore export of funds is 20 billion dollars. Staff Study of Crime and Bank Secrecy: The Use of Off-Shore Banks and Companies; Permanent Senate Subcommittee on Investigations, March' 1983.

clearly understood. The money can be traced because cash that is generated from the crime is not easily hidden, and the attempt to hide it usually blatantly violates federal statutes, such as currency, tax and conspiracy laws.

There are as many ways of laundering money as there are people doing it. The money problems for a large illegal narcotics network often outweigh the distribution problems. View the money launderer as the neck of a large funnel. Large volumes of money generated from street sales of drugs come down the funnel to the launderer. He must put the money into something more negotiable than boxes of ten, twenty and fifty dollar bills. He must record where the money is coming from and correctly keep a good set of accounts. Finally, he must find a way to transfer the money back to the foreign narcotics sources safely. The typical launderer may want to exchange small bills for large ones, buy cashier's checks in false names or deposit cash into dummy accounts and then transfer funds by wire to foreign sources. This process is complicated by the fact that the launderer cannot reveal the true source of the money. Narcotics dealers are touchy about their names being revealed in government reports. The launderer also has a problem explaining why taxes have not been paid on domestically generated income or, alternatively, why Customs CMIR forms have not been filed on monies allegedly imported from abroad (which would make the money immediately subject to seizure). Finally, handling bulk cash shipments can be hazardous, as people within the narcotics group or outside of it are always tempted to steal the money. Trying to ship money out of the country in bulk is generally the least desirable alternative but one that seems to be increasing as 2/ enforcement of the Title 31 reporting requirements improves.

# C. Foreign Bank Secrecy Acts

Many nations and areas of the world have a legal climate that is optimal for the laundering of "dirty" money. Places such as the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas, the Netherlands Antilles, Panama, Liechtenstein and Switzerland have been used to hide currency and assets because of those nations' strict bank secrecy laws. These laws generally prohibit banks from disclosing any information about their customers' bank accounts. Because failure to comply with foreign bank secrecy laws may subject the bank and bank personnel to criminal liability abroad, United

<sup>2/</sup> Investigation and Prosecution of Illegal Money Laundering, A guide to the Bank Secrecy Act. Department of Justice, Nov. 1983.

States investigators have had great difficulty in obtaining access to foreign bank accounts by subpoena or other means. 3/

To a great extent, these laws have made it difficult to learn about the actual operation of "money launderers" in these foreign financial institutions. What is known has been primarily learned by persons infiltrating the organizations that are using these havens. While it is unlikely that all operations are conducted in the same way, many utilize the same basic techniques.

As a rule, cash is moved to a foreign bank secrecy jurisdiction by several methods: physical transportation, wire transfer, cashier's check or through attorneys' or accountants' accounts. This cash is "laundered" and then either returned to the United States or sent elsewhere to purchase assets.

Banks located in tax haven countries are there for a reason. The reason is the ability to make money from large-scale currency transactions, which are in many instances proceeds of criminal activities. The off-shore haven banks are ideally suited to the purposes of the narcotics traffickers. The United States trafficker's goal, once he has sold his product, is to hide his money or to cleanse his money so that he can put it to use without it being attributed to him as unreported income. An off-shore haven with strict bank secrecy laws facilitates achievement of this goal by providing a veil of secrecy over all parts of the transaction so that the trafficker cannot be

<sup>3/</sup> See e.c., In re Grand Jury Proceedings, United States v. Bank of Nova Scotia, 691 F.2d 1384 (11th Cir. 1982), cert. denied, U.S. , 103 S.Ct. 3086 (1983). Many large international banks, such as the Bank of Nova Scotia are used as clearing banks for small "offshore Banks" which exist only as a name plate on the international banks wall and a bank account with the bank.

developed an intricate courier system for transferring their ill-gotten profits to secret foreign bank accounts. These enterprises pay couriers to transport cash to foreign banks to avoid having to transfer money through a financial institution by check or similar means. By using the courier system, criminal enterprises are able to move their profits without leaving a "paper trail," which would have subjected their profits to tracing. Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, S. Rep. No. 1139, 91st Cong., 2d Sess. 1-4(1970).

definitely tied to the flow of funds. The same is true of the foreign drug trafficker.

The problem can be illustrated by a simple case. A narcotics trafficker arranges for a courier to carry \$200,000 in cash in a suitcase to the Cayman Islands where it is deposited in a small so-called "off-shore bank." The courier does not file a Customs report upon departure. The money goes into an account of a Bahamian registered company which is purchased for a small sum. Business transactions are then run through this company. The company then transfers the entire \$200,000 to an account in its name at the branch of a large money center bank such as the Bank of Nova Scotia. Both the trafficker and the corporation claim the loan is simply a signature loan to an individual. In fact, the loan is effectively secured by the Cayman deposit.

Similarly, the drug trafficker can get funds to an off-shore bank by having a courier deposit money in a United States bank in a fictitious account and wire transfer deposits off-shore.

Due to lack of cooperation from the banks and the off-shore haven countries themselves, our government has been forced to attack the records problem of gathering evidence for criminal prosecutions by subpoenaing the branches of these off-shore banks operating within the United States. In many cases, most, if not all of the narcotics money transactions take place in the United States through one of the branches of an off-shore bank such as the Bank of Nova Scotia. — The banks maintain that since the records are kept off-shore, i.e., in the Caymans or Bahamas, at the banks' central office, these records are protected by the off-shore Bank Secrecy Laws and can not be disclosed.

# E. Conclusion

All law enforcement officials admit that once narcotic proceeds reach an off-shore jurisdiction bank protected by strict bank secrecy laws, investigation of narcotics organizations comes to an end and the traffickers are completely shielded from detection and prosecution.

<sup>5/</sup> There are twenty-nine subpeona requests to the Bank of Nova Scotia outstanding, and in one case in the Southern District of Florida, pending in the 11th Circuit, the court has allowed amicus curiae briefs to be filed, both by the Canadian government and the Bahamas government.

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MEMCRANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

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SUBJECT: Response to Prime Minister Trudeau's January 19

Letter to the President

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Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada has written a brief letter thanking the President for sending him a copy of the January 16 White House speech and expressing "welcome" for the President's message. Since the two leaders have already corresponded several times recently on East-West relations and Mr. Trudeau's latest letter is basically a polite thank you message, we do not recommend that the President respond to the January 19 letter.

Charles Hill

**Executive Secretary** 

Enclosure:

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Letter from Prime Minister Trudeau

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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997

By NARA, Date 4/4/02

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SPEECHWRITERS:

May I please have your comments/changes on the attached ASAP.

Thanks,

Jeanne Hickie X5076

# **National Security Council**

The White House

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FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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March 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SUBJECT:

ROBERT C. McFARLANE MAGA Response to Prime Minister Trudeau's Letter

Prime Minister Trudeau has written you informing you that Jack Sydney George Bud Cullen has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Canada-U.S. Permanent Joint Board on Defense. Mr. Cullen is a former Minister of National Revenue and Minister of Employment and Immigration, and has also served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministers of National Defense, Energy, Mines and Resources, and Finance.

Your letter to the Prime Minister (Tab A) thanks him for advising you of the appointment, and notes your confidence in his selection.

## Recommendation

OK No

That you sign the letter at Tab A to Prime Minister Trudeau.

Attachments

Tab A - Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau

cc Vice President

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

March 5, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBBTUC

SUBJECT:

Presidential Response to Prime Minister

Trudeau

Attached at Tab I is your memo to the President forwarding his response to Prime Minister Trudeau's letter advising of the appointment of the new Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Canada-U.S. Permanent Joint Board on Defense.

Speechwriters have cleared.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I, forwarding the Trudeau letter for signature.

Approve

Disapprove \_\_\_\_

Attachments

Tab I - Memo to the President

Tab A - Presidential Letter to Trudeau

Tab II - Incoming from Trudeau





Washington, D.C. 20520

March 2, 1984

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# MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Response to Prime Minister Trudeau's February 27 Letter

Attached is the Department's suggested response to Trudeau's letter to the President (also attached) informing us of the new Canadian Chairman of the Canada-US Permanent Joint Board on Defense.

Pomotules by Charles Hill Executive Secretary

#### Attachments:

Tab 1 - Suggested Response.

Tab 2 - Trudeau's Letter to the President.





# Canadian Embassy

# Ambassade du Canada

1746 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036

February 28, 1984

# BY HAND

Dear Secretary Shultz,

Attached please find a copy of a letter from Prime

Minister Trudeau to President Reagan concerning the appointment

of the Honourable Jack Sydney George Bud Cullen as the new

Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Canada-United States

Permanent Joint Board on Defence. It would be appreciated

if this could be brought to the President's attention as soon

as possible. The original will be delivered as soon as it is

received at the Embassy.

Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable George P. Shultz, Secretary of State, Department of State, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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March 2, 1984

# BY HAND

Dear Bob,

Attached please find the original of the letter from Prime Minister Trudeau to President Reagan, for onward transmission to the President, concerning the appointment of the Honourable Jack Sydney George Bud Cullen as the new Chairman of the Canadian Section of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defence.

Yours sincerely,

R.J.Lysyshyn Counsellor

Mr. Robert Montgomery,
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#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 29, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Robert M. Kimmitt

National Security Council

SUBJECT:

Alerting NSC on Presidential

Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau of Canada which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat Information Management Section on February 29, 1984.

Director, S/S-

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