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To: media@tc.gc.ca

Subject: **Media inquiry about Canadian airspace regulations**

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am an independent journalist based in Quebec, Canada. I am currently writing an article about geoengineering in Canada.

Part of my article will describe how NAV CANADA is responsible for controlling Canadian air space while Transport Canada appears to be in charge of regulations, and thus acting as *regulator*.

So as to give an accurate account of the role of Transport Canada (TC) – particularly as it pertains to air travel and airspace, I would be most grateful if you can provide clarity to the following questions (**in bold**).

1) Your [Oct. 31, 1996 press release](#) announced that TC would thenceforth transfer its national air navigation system to NAV CANADA.

a) Can you thus confirm that NAV CANADA is currently the sole entity concerned with operating Canadian airspace?

b) Can you confirm that Transport Canada is still the official *regulator* and is thus responsible for rules established concerning air transportation in Canada?

c) Is Canada the only country to have its airspace controlled by a private entity?

d) Who regulates and controls Canadian air space for *military* aircraft and flights?

2) As you may know, many Canadians are worried and concerned about geoengineering- and weather modification-related activities (including those for research purposes) – such as those related to Solar Radiation Management (SRM), Cloud Seeding, and Stratospheric Aerosol Injects (SAIs) – occurring in Canadian airspace conducted by aircraft (whether civilian or military). It is well documented that these types of activities such as cloud seeding have been occurring in Canada since as far back as the 1950s.

a) I was, therefore, wondering whether you have received inquiries, complaints, or concerns from Canadians with regards to such kinds of activities; and if so, can you provide a summary of how many of those you have received and replied to in the last two years?

b) Is Transport Canada aware of flights that have taken place for such kinds of geoengineering activities over Canadian airspace within the last 5 years? If so, can you provide related documentation Transport Canada has compiled to this effect?

3) As a regulator, does Transport Canada have rules in place for the approval or prohibition of such kinds of geoengineering- and weather modification-related activities? If so, can you provide links to the related documentation?

4) Other concerns Canadians have are with regards to Weather Modification activities that take place within our borders, some of which are conducted by aircraft (as described in the previous question). Moreover, Canada currently does have a related treaty with the U.S. about the exchange of information regarding such Weather Modification activities (see the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America Relating to the Exchange of Information on Weather Modification Activities, E103819 - CTS 1975 No. 11, reference: <https://www.treaty-accord.gc.ca/text-texte.aspx?id=103819>).

What regulations does Transport Canada have with regards to weather modification activities undertaken by aircraft in relation to this particular treaty?

The deadline for my article is **Friday, Sept. 29**; so, if you can answer by then, I will be most grateful. I sincerely apologise for the brief delay. If you need more time to respond, I can always add them to my article as an addendum.

Thankfully,

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