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**From:** Laforest BGen E@SJS DGO@Ottawa-Hull  
**Sent:** February 11, 2023 22:22  
**To:** Crangle Sgt C@ADM(IM) 76 Comm Regt@Ottawa-Hull; Eyre Gen WD@CDS@Ottawa-Hull  
**Cc:** O'Reilly BGen DP@2 Cdn Air Div HQ@Winnipeg; Prevost MGen JPR@SJS DGO@Ottawa-Hull  
**Subject:** RE: [SECRET// CDS - TPs for press conference

**CLASSIFICATION: SECRET//**

Sir,

I am still getting those checked by NORAD but in the meantime:

NORAD, as part of its established procedures, tracked this object over the past hours. It crossed Alaskan airspace and, working jointly with our US colleagues, established a joint plan to track, monitor and, if necessary, take the required actions to take it down.

It entered Canadian airspace earlier today, at around noon (Eastern time).

Following discussion with the MND and the PM earlier today, CDS ordered Comd NORAD to engage, if safe to do so, the object. That order was passed from you to Comd NORAD at 14h00 (Eastern time).

A number of NORAD aircrafts, and tankers were employed in the mission to track, monitor, engage and recover.

The engagement took place and the object was downed at 15h41 (Eastern time) over Yukon.

Canadian Armed Forces members and assets, at the request and under the lead of Public Safety/RCMP, are now enroute to proceed with the recovery.

The best description that we have is : Visual – a cylindrical object. Top quarter is metallic, remainder white. 20 foot wire hanging below with a package of some sort suspended from it.

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# RE: For CDS approval: Tweets

Eyre Gen WD@CDS@Ottawa-Hull

Tue 2023-02-14 3:00 PM

Sent Items

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Cc: Stadnyk LCol JC@CDS@Ottawa-Hull <Jennifer.Stadnyk@forces.gc.ca>; Keirstead Maj DJ@CDS@Ottawa-Hull <Doug.Keirstead@forces.gc.ca>;

Anne:

Approved. For the NORAD tweets, let's ensure all appropriate agencies aware. We are about to declassify a picture which would go well with 3/.

Merci,

WDE

**From:** Cote Capt MNA@CDS@Ottawa-Hull <Anne.Cote@forces.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** February 14, 2023 2:09 PM  
**To:** Eyre Gen WD@CDS@Ottawa-Hull <Wayne.Eyre@forces.gc.ca>  
**Cc:** Stadnyk LCol JC@CDS@Ottawa-Hull <Jennifer.Stadnyk@forces.gc.ca>; Keirstead Maj DJ@CDS@Ottawa-Hull <Doug.Keirstead@forces.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** For CDS approval: Tweets

Bonjour mon général,

For your approval, you will find below three tweets ISO various events/celebration.

14 Feb	Op UNIFIER UK 2PPCLI departure	Quote Tweet from @1CMBG_1GBMC	Members from 2 PPCLI deployed yesterday on #OpUNIFIER – UK. Their expertise and dedication to the mission will ensure the delivery of high quality training to new recruits from the Armed Forces of Ukraine. #StandWithUkraine
TBD (today or tomorrow)	NORAD / Balloon	Native Tweet	1/ Recent events have underscored the importance of our binational



@NORADCommand in keeping Canadians and Americans safe. Simply put, our response to these unprecedented events unfolded exactly as we have trained and as NORAD is designed to operate.

2/ We are now focused on supporting efforts led by @rcmpgrcpolice to locate the objects taken down over Yukon and Lake Huron, and @CanadianForces personnel and air assets from across Canada are working alongside RCMP, @CoastGuardCAN and U.S. partners.

3/ In Yukon, efforts to locate and recover what we can now characterize as a suspected balloon are particularly challenging in the remote, mountainous area with deep snow, risk of avalanche, and harsh weather conditions.

4/ This will take time, and I am proud of the important work our members are doing to support the recovery and effort to learn more



			about these objects and their origin.
15 Feb	National Flag of Canada Day	Native Tweet	<p>-</p> <p><u>Today we celebrate the Canadian flag (flag emoji)! @CanadianForces members proudly wear our nation's flag on their uniform in Canada and around the world as a reminder of the values it represents. #CanadianFlag</u></p>

For your consideration Sir,

Merci

Anne

Capt Anne Côté

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Subject: FW: Transferred image

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**Subject:** RE: Transferred image

DoS,

Should the image be released, it would be via the CAF social media accounts. Given the current public environment and statements related to the object being benign, releasing the image may create more questions/confusion, regardless of the text that will accompany the post. For your consideration.



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Taylor

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**Sent:** February 15, 2023 11:33 AM  
**To:** Eyre Gen WD@CDS@Ottawa-Hull <Wayne.Eyre@forces.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Transferred image

Chief, just got it.

I CAD is looking at more footage and will release ASAP. I will forward to Taylor.

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**Cc:** Huddleston MGen IS@1 Cdn Air Div HQ EXEC@Winnipeg <[IAIN.HUDDLESTON@forces.gc.ca](mailto:IAIN.HUDDLESTON@forces.gc.ca)>  
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Sir

Attached is an image approved to be released. We are looking at getting a better one to send you.

V/R

Geneviève

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Genevieve,

A2 has approval now – images ready to be released.

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**Subject:** RE: Transferred image

Sir,

Just got word from CJOC J2 that CFINTCOM DGIPP has given me all Release Authorities for RCAF Collection, domestic and expeditionary, henceforth.

Therefore, the previously sent image is ready for Unclass release at your will.

For your information.

Sharlene

Regards,

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Sir,

Att is a scrub of the best image that we were sent. It CANNOT be released yet. I am awaiting authority from CFINTCOM due to the domestic collection policies and collection means (pls see att email for further information).



I have put a hastener into CJOC this morning. I am awaiting their response.

In the interim, I see no issues as the JFACC RDO (Release and Disclosure Officer – similar to USAF FDO) to release these images, but due to their domestic collect I have to ensure that SJS does not break any laws by releasing them to the media with out the Release and Disclosure Authority's (CFINTCOM Director General Intelligence Plans and Policy) permission.

I realize the importance of the request and am pulling all the strings that I can as fast as I can, Sir.



For your information.

Sharlene

Regards,

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LCol, Maj,

Attached is the image of UAP23.

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**To:** Swinamer Sgt AL@1 Cdn Air Div HQ A2@Winnipeg <[Adrienne.Swinamer@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Adrienne.Swinamer@forces.gc.ca)>

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Subject: For CDS Info: Object downed over Yukon a 'suspected balloon': top soldier | CBC News

Sir,

BLUF: FYSA, as expected, media have picked up on the Tweets, with first observed pick-up by CBC as below. Very straight-forward and message inclusive. We will continue to monitor, alongside continued engagement with SJS and ADM(PA) on that matter of imagery release, latest being A/ADM(PA) advises PCO desire to hold pending U.S. engagement as discussed earlier.

Object downed over Yukon a 'suspected balloon': top soldier | CBC News  
Gen. Wayne Eyre says weather, terrain is making debris recovery difficult

Chief of the Defence Staff Gen. Wayne Eyre said the flying object the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) shot down over Yukon Saturday is believed to have been a balloon, and the remote area where the debris landed is making recovery efforts difficult.

"In Yukon, efforts to locate and recover what we can now characterize as a suspected balloon are particularly challenging in the remote, mountainous area with deep snow, risk of avalanche, and harsh weather conditions," Eyre said in a tweet Wednesday.

The suspected balloon is one of four mysterious objects which have been shot down over North America this month.

The Chinese government has said that the first object, which American fighter jets shot down on Feb. 4, was a weather balloon which blew off course. American officials have said that Beijing used the balloon for surveillance. NORAD shot down the most recent object over Lake Huron on Sunday.

Prior to Eyre's tweet, Canadian and American officials had not commented on the specific nature of the object that flew over Yukon.

Officials said they suspect the debris landed east of Dawson City. Yukon Premier Ranj Pillai said Monday the debris has landed in "rugged" territory that would be difficult for recovery teams to traverse.

Eyre said that Canadian Armed Forces personnel are working with the RCMP on locating debris from the Yukon and Lake Huron objects, and that the RCMP is leading the effort.

While Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said the objects may be linked, Defence Minister Anita Anand said Tuesday it's too early to draw any connection between them.

Eyre, who recently voiced concerns about the readiness of Canada's military, said the response to the objects has highlighted NORAD's effectiveness.

"Recent events have underscored the importance of our binational @NORADCommand in keeping Canadians and Americans safe," he said in a tweet.

"Simply put, our response to these unprecedented events unfolded exactly as we have trained and as NORAD is designed to operate."

V/R  
Doug



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