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**Importance:** High

Claude Carriere is to speak to you on this in the next few minutes. Min Kenney has requested that we inform outspoken UK MP George Galloway that he will be refused entry to Canada. This issue will be prominent in UK papers in the lead up to the PMs visit. I just want to ensure that PMO and PCO are aware with this development and everyone is on board. Await urgent guidance before contacting Galloways office tonight. See below for background. Jim.

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Claude,

I am drawing to your attention an important immigration issue concerning an outspoken British MP which could become a very public issue on the eve of the PM's arrival in London.

George Galloway is a rebel member in the UK parliament. When he was expelled from the Labour Party in 2003, he founded the Respect Party. He espouses a number of unorthodox views but is particularly forceful in supporting Hamas and the Palestinian cause. He has just completed a trip to Gaza and Egypt. He plans to visit Canada from March 30th - April 5th, having been invited to speak at open meetings at the Metropolitan United Church in Toronto on 30 March and at Concordia on 1 April with the title, "Resisting War from Gaza to Kandahar". We have not had any contact with Mr. Galloway's office but understand that as of March 23 he will be in the United States.

I became aware yesterday afternoon that CBSA in consultation with the CIC Minister have determined Mr. Galloway to be inadmissible under Section 34 of the Immigration Act because of his "material support to Hamas". This section of the act makes an individual inadmissible for supporting terrorism or terrorist groups. Mr. Galloway thrives on controversy and seeks publicity to promote his views. If he were to arrive at a Canadian Port of Entry and be declared inadmissible, he will generate significant press coverage. The UK press will certainly pick up the story and give it play. Bear in mind that it appears Galloway is not being denied entry to the US, where he will be speaking at a number of prominent US universities. It may look odd for Canada to deny him entry, after he has been granted entry to the US.

There is no question that George Galloway is outspoken and while extremely clever and media savvy, is not taken seriously in the UK. Denying him entry to Canada will simply give him a greater platform. I have not been privy to the information used by CBSA to reach this determination. However, my suspicion is that the Brits will be somewhat taken aback by such a Canadian decision, and some (possibly including the UK Government) will feel compelled to defend his freedom of speech, especially as he is a sitting MP. To the best of my knowledge the government here has not taken any sanctions or laid