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Honourable Tracy-Anne McPhee
Minister of Justice
Government of Yukon
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Dear Minister McPhee:

Inspection of the Whitehorse Correctional Centre ("WCC")—request for extension

I write to ask for an extension of the March 29, 2018 deadline for me to submit my inspection report to you, to May 15, 2018. The reasons for this request, which I believe is well-founded, follow.

During the week of January 29, 2018, I interviewed a number of government officials, First Nations representatives and stakeholders regarding matters encompassed in my terms of reference. Those interviews disclosed a material number of further interviews that should be conducted with other government officials, First Nations and stakeholders.

The interviews also identified the need for further documentation beyond the sizeable number of documents that I received on January 25, 2018, which I have not yet been able to fully review. I will be requesting further documentation in the coming days and it will doubtless take time to assemble and provide the documents to me.

The key consideration for me, however, is the need to meaningfully engage with Yukon First Nations, noting that a majority of the inmates housed at WCC at any given time are First Nations individuals. To that end, the Council of Yukon First Nations ("CYFN") has agreed to organize and host a two-day meeting in Whitehorse, on April 5-6, 2018, so that representatives of Yukon First Nations and CYFN can meet with me.

This event presents a vitally-important opportunity for meaningful engagement with Yukon First Nations, and I would like to be able to confirm my attendance with CYFN as soon as possible (noting that was not possible to find mutually workable dates earlier than those just mentioned).

It is important that I present you with as fulsome and thorough a report as possible, with well-informed observations and recommendations. In light of the above considerations, notably the need to properly engage with Yukon First Nations at the above event—and possibly afterward in follow-up—I firmly believe that the requested extension is necessary and desirable. Of course, you have my commitment to do everything practicable to deliver my report to you sooner than May 15, 2018.

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Thank you for considering this request. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as practicable in light of the above.

Sincerely



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