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STATE FOIA REQUEST

May 31, 2021

Dear FOI director, Vermont Governor's office:

Under the Vermont Public Records Act, please send me:

[1] all correspondence between the Vermont governor and the Premier of Quebec – and the Canadian national government - from Jan. 1, 2020 to the present day,

[2] minutes of meetings between the premiers and the governor during that time,

[3] the pages or tabs of the most recent briefing book - created to inform the newly elected governor of issues - that deal with Canadian topics.

If records are available for routine release, please inform me. If any of these records are in readable computer format, please send them by disc or email rather than on paper. Please exempt me from fees as I am a low budget reporter working for the public and educational (non-commercial) interest. If you wish to negotiate this request, please call or write me.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley Tromp, journalist, FOI scholar

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P.S. In making this request, I am also studying how requests are handled in different national and state jurisdictions. The fundamental principle of accountability of persons engaged in the

work of government has been a part of the Vermont Constitution from the beginning: “all power being originally inherent in, and consequently, derived from, the people; therefore, all officers of government, whether legislative or executive, are their trustees and servants, and at all times accountable to them.” Vt. Const. of 1777, ch. 1, § V. Vermont’s “right to know” laws are codified in the Open Meeting Law, 1 V.S.A. §§ 310-314. I was pleased to read that “Any person may inspect or copy any public record of a public agency.” 1 V.S.A. § 316(a). There is no limitation on or definition of the term “person.”

FYI. I have often used American FOI laws to produce news stories on Canadian topics before, such as:

- [U.S. Diplomat’s Memo Urged ‘Greening’ of ‘Shocking’ Oil Sands.](#) (*The Tyee*, Nov. 10, 2010) From American national FOI
 - [Washington State officials troubled by oilpatch secrets.](#) (*The National Observer*. August 14, 2017) From Washington state FOI.
 - [Canada lobbied U.S. over TransCanada’s Keystone pipeline](#) (*Financial Post*, Jan. 23, 2011) From American national FOI
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