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Thank you for inviting me to participate in the Defence Policy Review by making a formal submission as Senator for Nunavut.

Encouraged by our exchange on February 24, 2016 during Senate Question Period, I endeavored to pursue two themes on northern defence, which have been of interest to me since my appointment in 2009: Search and Rescue and a potential enhanced role for the Rangers.

In preparation for this submission, I have engaged Col. (Ret'd) Pierre Leblanc, former Commander of Joint Task Force North, who, upon leaving that post, went on to work with Raytheon Canada Limited, which operates the North Warning System. Currently a consultant with Arctic Security Consultants, Col. (Ret'd) Leblanc has worked with my office and myself to create the two presentations that accompany my submission.

On July 20, 2016, I convened a Roundtable in Iqaluit, Nunavut, to discuss the issues of concern to those in the eastern Arctic, adding to the consultation work that you conducted in Yellowknife.

## Please find enclosed

- My official submission with recommendations
- A summary of the Iqaluit Defence Policy Review Roundtable
- A PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Arctic Search and Rescue"
- A PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Maritime Role for the Canadian Rangers"
- A summary of relevant Parliamentary Committee Recommendations

Thank you again for this opportunity to bring to your attention issues of concern to national security, defence, and sovereignty in the Arctic.

Respectfully,

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