

Summary: Candice Bergen and Prime Minister Call - Feb 3

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Hi all,

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Of note, the PM offered Bergen two briefings (COVID and Ottawa security situation). Bergen Irrelevant

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PM: Hi Candice

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CB: Hi PM how are you?

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CB: Personal Info. Thanks it was fast and it's been a very busy last 24 hours. Lots of work to do but I'm very happy to have the support of caucus.

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PM: Good I'll make sure folks reach out to your office. The second set of briefing would be security situation in Ottawa right now. Obviously of real concern and we have lots of disagreement on causes and path forward. I would certainly like to make sure you get briefings on safety and the situation and have you at least have you fully informed. Hopefully were all going to be able to make sure Canada's democracy continues to run and our institutions remain strong and quite frankly the citizens of Ottawa get back to their regular lives.

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CB: Absolutely, I agree. I'm sure you weren't following question period today but that's what I'd like to see some resolution. You're right we disagree on some things but I would agree with you the goal is let's to find a way for people to head back home and clear things up in Ottawa. We do want the same things. If you have some ideas or some things you think could be done, extending an olive branch is one way of putting it, we'd love to be able to even work together to make that happen.

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PM: All of us need to focus on getting the temp down and getting people back to normal lives. Let's ensure there are discussions on that and there may be opportunities to work together. Some of them have jammed themselves into a corner and their asks are non-starters. We have our democracy and institutions that is well worth defending. There are ways we can get beyond this. I'm worried about setting a precedent where if anyone wants something they can set up a blockade on wellington st. People need to be heard and that's part of our democracy and getting that balance right.

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CB: Agree with everything you said. I think that you do have to be cautious and as PM you don't want to set a bad precedent. I'm sure you're talking and coming up with some ideas. If there are anyways we can help, that's really what we want and we do want to see the temperature brought down.

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PM: excellent, I appreciate that and we'll make sure we follow up with your office on briefings on security situation. Politics these days is fairly super-charged not with standing the intensity of folks with what you guys have gone through and the current context in Ottawa. At the same time you should know that we should have a channel to agree to disagree on a lot of things but at least keep open communication because we're all trying to serve this country as best we can and it's better to talk than to not.

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CB: exactly and you and I both know and were elected in 2008 and we both sat closer to the back in both our respective caucuses and hollered at each other occasionally. I think we get that and know what it is but we both have the same goal. We love our country, our caucuses love our country so I agree with you. Would it be okay if I mention a couple of quick things.

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CB: there ya go! Good.

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PM: Thanks talk to you again soon.

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