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LETTER TO THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, sent today the following letter to the President of the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers:

"I was advised by journalists this morning of your press conference and statement purporting to deal with the "national interest". The extravagance of your language raises questions about both your judgment and your adherence to the professional standards you pretend to espouse.

However, what I find particularly offensive, is your continuing determination to raise matters with the media before you raise them with me. That indicates you are more interested in generating partisan debates than you are in protecting the standards of the Foreign Service. I regret that.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Clark"