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Rob Armstrong

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Dear Mr Armstrong

Official Information Act Request for Information on Communications with Cameron Slater

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 23 December 2014 for "all text messages received by you [the Prime Minister] from Cameron Slater and all text messages sent by you [the Prime Minister] to Cameron Slater be retrieved from your Cellular Service Provider's records for the period spanning the 19th of November 2008 to the 22nd of December 2014".

It should be noted that only communications with the Prime Minister in relation to the Prime Minister's role as a Minister of the Crown is "official information". Communications in any other capacity (such as leader of the Parliamentary National Party or as a Member of Parliament) is not subject to the Official Information Act.

The attached transcript of text messages between Cameron Slater and the Prime Minister regarding the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security report into NZSIS release of information would fall within the scope of your request. This transcript was released, as the communications were in the Prime Minister's capacity as a Minister of the Crown and not in any other capacity. No other relevant information has been identified.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Eagleson
Chief of Staff

Encl Transcript of texts between Cameron Slater and the Prime Minister

CS: [journalist] gave it away to me...Goff leaked SIS report
Nov 24

PM: It's a joke isn't it. They will attack Jason for talking to u and they break the confidentiality agreement. Classic lab.
Nov 24

CS: Yup...I'm very angry over it...Goff is the one who leaked oravida stuff too.
Nov 24

CS: They still have standard bloggers on staff
Nov 24

CS: And McCarten was involved in hack
Nov 24

PM: Hopefully it will all come out in time
Nov 24

CS: I wish they would hurry up...they played the real dirty politics...even tried to kill me...I have evidence of.
Nov 24

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