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Email: GCSB Redactions

From: OFCANZ Police Analyst (email address)

Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2012 12:11 p.m.

To: GCSB Redactions

Subject: [SECRET COMINT] TF DEBUT

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RE: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

With respect to Op DEBUT, it is becoming apparent that there are some serious issues that might need to be addressed.

We have some checks under way with Immigration to satisfy your request regarding residency status and dates for the DEBUT targets. The likelihood is that these checks will show that all three have NZ residency status.

There are some important (but subsequently incorrect) assumptions and apprehensions from our end that I wish to spell out.

Some OFCANZ staff (including myself) assumed that citizenship/nationality rather than residency is the best/defining criteria for targeting/exemption, and/or made incorrect assumptions as to what actual status of particular individuals was based on intelligence received.

Some OFCANZ staff assumed that certain persons were indeed not being targeted and that the intelligence received was derived from external, non-resident targets.

With several points of contact at both ends, and not everyone viewing the written reports, these two misapprehensions were able to continue.

The bottom line is that we accept that some errors of process and judgement may have occurred and where they have, we take responsibility for our part in those. I can assure you that our request for assistance was submitted in nothing other than good faith.

We remain keen and available to assist in any way we can to manage potential issues or consequences and Deputy Director Ray Van Beynen has offered to come down and discuss the matter this afternoon or at your convenience.

Regards,

[Redacted]

Police Analyst  
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OFCANZ Police Analyst

Number

From: OFCANZ Police Analyst  
Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2012 3:53 p.m.  
To: GCSB Redactions  
Subject: RE: [SECRET COMINT] TF DEBUT

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Thanks GCSB Redactions

That certainly does help to put my mind at ease. It was not so much a witch-hunt we were concerned about - the process is the process and we will accommodate whatever form that takes. We just wanted you to be assured that we had been ethical and proper in our dealings re this whole RFI and not a bunch of clowns walking roughshod over the law and sound practice.

We too are keen on future cooperation and despite DOTCOM getting bail today, still see the shiny side of the operation.

Nonetheless, we will take some good lessons out of this for next time.

Cheers

This email was classified by OFCANZ Police Analyst on Wednesday, 22 February 2012 3:53:14 p.m..

From: GCSB Redactions  
Sent: Wednesday, 22 February 2012 3:02 p.m.  
To: OFCANZ Police Analyst  
Subject: RE: [SECRET COMINT] TF DEBUT

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I am aware that you've spoken to my manager GCSB Redactions about this issue. I just wanted to follow up and make sure that there wasn't an impression at the OFCANZ end that there has been a major inquiry or witch hunt here at GCSB about Dotcom & co's residency status.

GCSB Redactions is providing a summary document to our legal advisor about the TF DEBUT case and the compliance issues encountered. This document will likely then be stored on file (in case it is needed for future reference), but we do not expect it will lead to any further action or questions asked. None of us are of the opinion that there needs to be any follow on discussions - certainly at a Deputy Director level.

GCSB staff and managers are still viewing TF DEBUT as a very successful collaboration with OFCANZ and we would not want this issue to take the shine off things.

Certainly, we are all looking forward to any further opportunities to work together. Hope that puts your mind at ease.

GCSB Redactions

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OFCANZ:Police Analyst

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From: GCSB Redactions  
Sent: Monday, 27 February 2012 11:41 a.m.  
To: OFCANZ:Police Analyst  
Subject: Debut

Expires: Friday, 27 April 2012 12:00 a.m.

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Hi [Redacted]

Thought you'd like to know that the paper that I submitted to our Lawyers re Debut met their need. They agreed that as the families only had Residence, there was no inadvertent targeting of NZSID7 protected persons – who are only protected when they have Permanent Residency. So all done and dusted.

Thanks for your help in pulling the facts together. Bring on the next case!

Cheers

[Redacted]

GCSB Redactions

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OFCANZ Police Analyst

Number [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: [Redacted] 12:43 p.m.  
To: OFCANZ Police Analyst  
Subject: RE: [SECRET] Residency status of DEBUT

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Yeah, just to confirm, and make sure you guys didn't get the wrong impression of how we were treating things...

[Redacted] wrote up a brief document, to catalogue the nationality issues encountered and submitted it to [Redacted] was pretty relaxed, and has stored this away in case we need to give an account to the IG. Absolutely no further action required.

So I hope [Redacted] isn't fretting. People here have been very relaxed about it all.

Yeah, I think [Redacted] getting quite excited to start sinking his teeth into things. He'll be happy to help out with whatever you throw at him.

From: OFCANZ Police Analyst  
Sent: Tuesday, 28 February 2012 2:17 p.m.  
To: GCSB Redactions  
Subject: RE: [SECRET] Residency status of DEBUT

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Hello [Redacted] talked to [Redacted] and he said [Redacted] happy, so it turned out ok. More luck than good management, but all good all the same...

Glad you like working with OFCANZ. Hopefully we will have some more new and exciting things for you soon

This email was classified by OFCANZ [Redacted] Police Analyst on Tuesday, 28 February 2012 2:46:52 p.m.

From: GCSB Redactions  
Sent: Friday, 24 February 2012 2:49 p.m.  
To: OFCANZ Police Analyst  
Subject: RE: [SECRET] Residency status of DEBUT

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Oh. By the sounds of things [Redacted] has received the response he needed and has tidied things off with [Redacted] But I'll confirm that and let you know.

Meanwhile [Redacted] and I met with [Redacted] Police ID yesterday. An interesting 2 hour monologue. Give me strength.

OFCANZ looks a lot easier to work with...

From: OFCANZ Police Analyst  
Sent: Friday, 24 February 2012 2:55 p.m.  
To: GCSB Redactions  
Subject: RE: [SECRET] Residency status of DEBUT

Police Analyst

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