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Mr John Minto 4 Ethel Street Morningside Auckland 1025

Dear Mr Minto

PRIVACY ACT REQUEST

I refer to your request dated 1 May 2013, in which you request:

 "Under the Privacy Act I'd like a copy of any personal file the Government Communications Security Bureau holds on me personally including whether or not the GCSB has ever put myself or any associates under surveillance and for whom any such surveillance was conducted."

I have conducted a thorough search in response to your request. However, in accordance with section 32 of the Privacy Act 1993, the GCSB can neither confirm nor deny the existence or non-existence of the information requested. To do so would likely prejudice the interests protected by section 27(1) of the Privacy Act.

In accordance with section 67 of the Privacy Act you have the right to make a complaint to the Privacy Commissioner or the Office of the Ombudsman, and seek an investigation and review of my refusal to provide the information requested.

Yours sincerely,

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Director