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Hon Paul Neazor CNZM, QC
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Dear Inspector-General,

**KIM DOTCOM AND ORS V ATTORNEY-GENERAL – RESIDENCY STATUS
ISSUE**

As I have been briefed today by the Director of GCSB, and as I understand you have now been made aware, the GCSB has discovered that it acted unlawfully in intercepting the communications of certain individuals connected with the above case, apparently acting in the erroneous belief that they were foreign persons when in fact they held New Zealand residency status.

I would be grateful if you would undertake without delay an inquiry into the circumstances of this matter and provide me with a report which identifies:

- The facts of the case;
- An assessment of the circumstances including any errors by the Bureau and its officers; and
- Any measures which you consider necessary in order to prevent a recurrence.

I look forward to receiving your report as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon John Key
Prime Minister

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