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From: Scott Ainslie

14 January 2014

Dear Scottish Parliament,

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I seek to obtain copies of material in the possession of the Scottish Parliament - whether it be physical hard-copy, electronic format or another applicable format - of correspondence between any Member of the Scottish Parliament, and Embassy of the United States London, or its Ambassador, dated 5 June 2013 through 31 December 2013.

I specifically seek copies of all correspondence, or other material, concerning disclosures by The Guardian, Der Spiegel, New York Times and other media outlets, exposing National Security Agency and Government Communications Headquarters mass surveillance.

If material in the possession of the Scottish Parliament not be readily or easily accessible - but is held in another format which requires physical inspection - I therefore also seek advice as to appropriate procedure or arrangement in which to be able gain access to it. I consider it useful if additional information or supplementaries be enclosed, as necessitated, to understand the context of the material provided, should it exist and be disclosed. I recognize that it is not a requirement nor is it obligated.

I prefer to receive material in electronic format should correspondence or other applicable material be in its possession. I am also able to receive it by postal mail if it is most convenient.

I request that should it incur a financial fee to obtain material sought that it be disregarded. Disclosure of the information I seek is not in a commercial interest, but is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of activities and democratic function; therefore it is a disclosure which I consider a matter of public interest.

If a Freedom of Information Officer on behalf of the Scottish Parliament denies any, or all, applicable material - either partially or wholly - I request specific citations which it deems suitable and which it is of a belief justifies refusal to disclose the information being sought. I therefore also request due and concise notification of practices afforded under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 s. 16 or s. 18 to request that it be reconsidered should it be applicable.

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