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Ryan Smith

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Dear Ryan Smith

Official Information Request for Information on the Identity of "Rawshark"

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 12 October 2015 asking "*that the Prime Minister reveals who he believes is the hacker known by the pseudo name 'Rawshark' is.*"

Only information held in a capacity as a Minister of the Crown is deemed to be official information under the Official Information Act. Information that is held by Rt Hon John Key in any other capacity, such as Leader of the Parliamentary National Party, as a Member of Parliament or as a private individual, is not official information.

I can advise that this Office does not hold any official information relevant to your request regarding the identity of the hacker known as "Rawshark". Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act on the grounds "*that the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either-*

- (i) *Held by another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or a local authority; or*
- (ii) *Connected more closely with the functions of another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority."*

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