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Ref: PMO 340-2018

Dear Matthew Hooton

Official Information Act request for text messages from Richie Hardcore and concerning Karel Sroubek

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 12 December 2018. You requested:

- 1) *all text messages you have received from Richie Hardcore on any topic*
- 2) *all text messages you have received from anybody else concerning Karel Sroubek...*

Two documents received by the Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern in her capacity as Prime Minister have been identified to be within the scope of your request. I have decided to release these documents to you subject to some information being withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Munro'.

Mike Munro
Chief of Staff

Text message from Richie Hardcore

Tue, 30 Oct, 7:28 PM

Myself and my friends and community wanted to pass on their respects and praise for the decision about Jan Antolik, Karoul Sroubek, he's made a bunch of really bad choices but he's a good guy deep down, so thank you to Ian and yourself for giving him another chance.



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Fri, 9 Nov, 9:45 AM

U r too polite to say it but I will
- Bridges & the Nats r being
bastards about this Sroubek
saga. I want to assist with
information I hve included in an
email I hve just copied u in on.
If I can please advise ^{s9(2)(a)} [redacted]
[redacted] Best - Alex



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