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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 September 2009 requesting information relating to Wikileaks. You asked:

*"I would like to know what information you have gathered on Wikileaks and if the Ministry believes they are a threat to national security. I would also like to know why Wikileaks has been blocked internally on government networks."*

I will address each of your questions in turn.

*"I would like to know what information you have gathered on Wikileaks.."*

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