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Subject: Companies using Google data from Google users for their own databases, which they make available to law enforcement agencies in The Netherlands for information gathering.

Dear Madame/Sir,

On 26 July 2017 and 8 August 2017 I have send you this letter, till now I did not receive any answer.

At the moment we are investigating several Dutch companies that are providing social media data to Dutch law enforcement agencies. In regard to this matter, including their use of Google data for these purposes, we have several questions for you. We are focusing on both Youtube data and Google+ data.

1. Is Google aware of the fact that companies are downloading (crawling) Google data for their own purposes?

2. Does Google allow companies to collect data from Dutch citizens – and probably other nationalities – in order for the companies to store the data in their own databases? If so, under which regulations or laws are the agreements between Google and these companies made?

3. Is Google aware that these companies make these databases available to their customers, who pay for this access/data?

4. These companies also make their databases available to law enforcement agencies for social and online media monitoring/surveillance purposes. Is Google aware of that? What kind of agreements between Google and data collection companies regulate the companies’ making that data available to law enforcement agencies?

5. Are users in the Netherlands – and other countries - informed by Google about the fact that their data might be collected by Dutch companies for other purposes than the initial intention of the Google users? How are privacy, copyright and general surveillance issues dealt with between Google and these companies concerning the data from Google users?

6. Do these companies that collect Google data have a contract with Google? At the moment we are investigating several companies among which Coosto/Wiseguys Internet, Buzzcapture and
Obi4wan/Sitedata. Are these companies known to Google? Does Google publish a full list of Dutch companies which have Google’s permission to collect data from its users?

Yours sincerely

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