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Dear Mr McGovern

RFI20090438 - Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your email of March 14th requesting information about the BBC's report about botnet, broadcast on the News Channel and on BBC World last month. Specifically you ask for:

- *the price paid for control of the botnet*
- *the approximate size in bytes of each email sent out during the 'spam test'*
- *If available, the total size of traffic transferred during the 'web attack'*

The reference number for your request is RFI20090438.

Please note that your request is outside the scope of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") but you may be interested in this article on the Editors' Blog which explains our approach: http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/theeditors/2009/03/click_botnet_experiment.html.

We hope you find this helpful. Your request is outside the scope of the Act because the BBC and the other public service broadcasters are covered by the Act only in respect of information held for purposes "other than those of journalism, art or literature" (see Schedule I, Part VI of the Act). For more information about how the Act applies to the BBC please see www.bbc.co.uk/foi. Please note that this guidance is not intended to be a comprehensive legal interpretation of how the Act applies to the BBC.

The BBC does not offer an internal review when the information requested is not covered by the Act. If you disagree with our decision you can appeal to the Information Commissioner. Contact



details are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF telephone 01625 545 700. <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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