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Dear Attorney Yang

I write on behalf of Google Inc. in connection with your letters to Google Korea of February 10 and 17, which Google Korea forwarded as a courtesy.

As we understand it, your inquiry relates to the alleged transfer of data to US authorities. Google Korea is not the provider for Google communications services such as Gmail. This is solely Google Inc., a United States company. Google Korea does not process any data associated with these services. Google Korea is neither able nor authorized to disclose such communications data to the US or other authorities.

Google Inc. appreciates the underlying concerns. Google Inc. was both surprised and outraged by the revelations of last summer. As you can see from the public statements of the Chief Legal Officer of Google Inc., David Drummond, the assumption that Google has provided U.S. authorities with direct access to Google Inc's servers or networks is wrong.

We provide user data to governments only in accordance with the law. Our legal team reviews each and every request, and frequently pushes back when requests are overly broad or don't follow the correct process. To protect the privacy of users, we do not comment on whether particular users are the subject of demands for disclosure. We notify users about legal demands when appropriate, unless prohibited by law or court order.

You'll find a detailed overview of government requests in Google's Transparency Report (<http://www.google.com/transparencyreport/userdatarequests>, which is updated every six months. Recently, we gained permission to provide statistics about national security legal process we may receive: <http://www.google.com/transparencyreport/userdatarequests/US/>

We hope this information is useful to you.

Kind regards
Legal Department
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