

Oops! Finland Blacklists Putin

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President Vladimir Putin has responded “ironically” to the news that Finland accidentally put him on a blacklist of people with connections to criminal activity.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said Thursday that a Finnish apology for the mistake would not require a response from the Russian side.

"I do not think this requires some kind of response," Peskov said on Kommersant FM radio. "As far as we know, the Finnish side discovered the mistake on its own and in time."

Asked for Putin's reaction, he said, “Ironic.” He did not elaborate.

Seeking to avoid a diplomatic spat, Finland quickly removed Putin's name from the list, which is not public but whose inclusion of Putin was revealed by Finnish broadcaster MTV3 on Wednesday.

Police acknowledged that the list existed and said Putin's name was accidentally included but had since been deleted.

