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S Stewart

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Dear S Stewart

Official Information Act request

We refer to your official information request to the Hon Andrew Little, which was transferred to the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) and the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) on 18 November 2019.

You have requested the following information:

Could you please provide information regarding any investigation into the Masonic Lodge/Freemasons with particular regard as to how they protect their 'brothers'.

Under section 10 of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), we can neither confirm nor deny whether we hold the information you have requested.

We consider that to do so would be likely to prejudice the interest protected by section 6(a) of the Act, namely the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

Receiving a section 10 "neither confirm nor deny" response should not lead you to conclude that the information you have asked for is either held, or not held.

If you wish to discuss this decision, please feel free to contact information@gcsb.govt.nz or oia.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this outcome. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hampton'.

Andrew Hampton
Director-General of the GCSB

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Kitteridge'.

Rebecca Kitteridge
Director-General of Security