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Ref: OIA-2020/21-0563

Dear Sebastian

## Official Information Act request relating to assessment mentioned in RCOI Report

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received as a partial transfer from the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) on 4 May 2021. The part transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) asks for:

"...THREE: Paragraph 17: "Several high quality assessments focused on New Zealand's domestic terrorism environment were produced during this time (2013–2014) through the National Assessments Committee. These included a report by the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service... which discussed the terrorist threat posed by the extreme right-wing." I request a copy of this report..."

I believe the report referred to in your request is an assessment prepared by the National Assessments Committee titled "The Right Wing in New Zealand: Myth vs Reality" (17 April 2014). Please find a copy of this document enclosed. It was commenced by New Zealand Police and finalised by DPMC, hence the inclusion of the Police logo on the assessment. Some material has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 6(a), to protect the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand,
- Section 6(c), to protect the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial, and
- Section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

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