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Katherine Raue

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Dear Ms Raue

Official Information Act Request for Information on the report of Cheryl Gwyn, Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

I refer to your official information request received on 26 November 2014 seeking the following information: *"copy or copies of the report or reports which was/were provided to the Prime Minister by Cheryl Gwyn regarding the release of information by the SIS. I require full and specific reasons for the refusal to provide any information, withhold any information, etc"*.

This Office responded to your original request which sought a copy of Ms Gwyn's report into issues around the release of information by the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service on 26 November 2014.

At the same time you made your original request you also requested a copy of the report from Ms Gwyn to the Prime Minister. I can advise Ms Gwyn provided a copy of her report to the Prime Minister on 23 November, which noted the report was embargoed and not for release or publication until 10.00am on Tuesday, 25 November. It was also advised an appendix could not be disclosed publicly under section 25A(2)(c) of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security Act 1996 and was not included or being released to the public. The report provided to the Prime Minister was the same version published by Ms Gwyn on 25 November to the public. Accordingly, your request is being declined under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act on the basis *"that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available"*.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Eagleson
Chief of Staff

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