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Dear W Shih

I refer to your email of 22 September 2015 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...any information held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on the Iran Hostage Crisis in the Former US Embassy in Tehran (1979-1981) under the Official Information Act.

Please include briefings, communication logs between any of the following organisations: the New Zealand Embassy in Tehran, New Zealand Honorary Consulate-General in Karachi, Canadian Embassy in Tehran, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the United States Department of State relating to this incident..."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) will not be releasing any correspondence, or any other documents, concerning possible New Zealand involvement with assistance to United States officials in Tehran during 1979 and 1980. Therefore, I am declining your request under section 6(a) of the OIA; to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



Jeff Langley
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade