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Tēnā koe Jeremy Nimmo

Thank you for your email of 26 November 2025, in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- "1. I am requesting the full contents of the email in which "Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials were first advised by the US government of Ms Shaw's detention was August 11 2025 (Washington time)", redacted of Ms. Shaw's personal details of course, and*
- 2. any emails which MFAT may have sent to the US government to prompt the sending of said email."*

Your request has been number for ease of reference.

Attached are the emails in scope of part one of your request. Some information is withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government,
- 6(b)(i): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis, and;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) holds no information relevant to part two of your request. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, because the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

[www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade