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Dear W Shih

## Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your correspondence received 8 October 2016 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA): *“any information (including but not limited to; briefings, communications/ surveillance logs, investigation reports) held by SIS relating to the Soviet Embassy (both Soviet diplomats & embassy compounds) during the Cold War period”*. On 19 October 2016, at NZSIS’s request, you refined your request to information on: *“Vsevolod Sofinsky, Sergei Budnik and Dinitri Razgovorov”*.

The New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) has established what would be involved in processing your request. NZSIS holds a large volume of material relevant to the scope of your refined request.

A request may be refused where the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research [section 18(f) of the OIA]. In this case, the narrowing of your request has not removed section 18(f) of the OIA as a reason for refusal. Therefore, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the OIA. In deciding to refuse your request under section 18(f) of the OIA, NZSIS considered sections 18A and 18B of the OIA. I anticipate, however, that the request could not be granted in its totality due to my concern that the security interest protected by section 6(a) of the OIA would likely be prejudiced.

Please note that you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28 of the OIA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Kitteridge".

Rebecca Kitteridge  
Director of Security