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Ref: PMO 143-2016

Dear Philippa Tinning

### Official Information Act Request Relating to US Navy Ship Visit

I refer to your request that you made in your letter of 19 October 2016 for "*I would like to know on what basis you made your decision regarding whether the USS Sampson is carrying nuclear weapons. Have you been privy to documents that guarantee that the ship will not be carrying nuclear weapons? If so, what are these documents? Can these be made available, please.*"

I am extending the deadline for responding to your request until 8 December 2016 under section 15A of the Official Information Act. The extension of time is necessary due to consultation being needed before a proper response to your request can be made. If your request is completed before 8 December 2016, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email ([info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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