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Andrew Riddell

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Dear Mr Riddell

Thank you for your email of 8 July 2017, in which you requested the following information:

- *Please provide copies of all briefings you have received that lead to Te Kaha recently being assigned to a United States of America carrier group as reported in a recent press release in your name.*
- *Please include the documentation you have on the purpose and scope for the assignment, the assessed risks, and the terms of engagement that apply.*

It is necessary for me to undertake consultation with other agencies in order to provide the information you have requested. In order to complete these consultations I must extend the time for providing this information to you by 12 working days, to Wednesday, 23 August 2017.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this extension.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Mark Mitchell', written in a cursive style.

Hon Mark Mitchell  
**Minister of Defence**