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Dear Richard

**Official Information Act request relating NZ and USA Intelligence and Security
Cooperation**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 18 July 2018, which was transferred from the Office of the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 31 July 2018. You requested:

... Under Section 12 of the Official Information Act 1982, please provide all information as to what occurred on 29 August 2009 which led to New Zealand and United State of America intelligence and security cooperation being "back on track" (quoting US' Wellington Embassy communique to the US State Department dated 6 January 2010).
.... " "

I refer to earlier correspondence from the DPMC dated 9 and 28 August 2018, and to your email dated 13 August 2018. Thank you for providing additional information however, we are unable to identify the exact event that occurred on 29 August 2009 that you refer to in your request.

There is one document, dated 3 September 2009, which we think may fall within scope of your request however, we cannot confirm this due to the uncertainty around the event you are referring to. This document, including the title, is withheld in full under section 6(a) of the Act as the release of this information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

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