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Dear T Benseman

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 1 August 2020 to the Office of the Prime Minister. **Part 2** of your request was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) on 7 September 2020, and seeks the following under the OIA:

1. *"All correspondence, meetings, phone conversations, memos, payment etc...between all branches of your government, and Bill Gates (and his agents) between 1/8/2019 and 1/8/2020."*
2. ***And also, between all branches of your government, and Bill Gates (and his agents) between 1/8/2019 and 1/8/2020."***

This letter advises that, due to the necessity for further consultation, we will need to extend the time limit for responding to you about **part 2** by 20 working days, to 3 November 2020. If this process is completed and we are able to respond before 3 November 2020, the response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Julie-Anne Lee  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade