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Dear Mr Sime

Official Information Act Request

I am writing to respond to your request for information concerning the 2011 release of NZSIS briefing material.

As you may know, at about the same time that I received your Official Information Act request (and a number of other similar requests), the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security announced that she had decided to conduct an Inquiry into this issue. I am concerned that releasing information relevant to the Inquiry, while it is underway, will prejudice the conduct of the Inquiry. I have therefore decided to decline your request under section 6 (c) of the Official Information Act.

Technically this response constitutes a refusal of your request, but in reality I will treat it as a deferral. As soon as the Inspector-General's Inquiry is concluded I will reconsider and respond to your request, without any further action being required from you.

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

Yours sincerely

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