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Mr Scott Milne

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Dear Mr Milne

Official Information Act Request

On 26 August 2014 you made a request under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) regarding the 2011 release of New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) briefing material.

In my letter of 8 September 2014 I deferred a response to your request pending the outcome of the Inquiry being conducted by the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security.

I believe the Inspector-General's Inquiry to have traversed all the issues associated with the NZSIS's release of information in 2011, and you are probably aware that the Inspector-General has now issued a report on her findings. This report also reproduces all of the relevant documents that are releasable.

In your letter you requested access to the legal advice received by the NZSIS that was relied upon to release documents to Mr Cameron Slater. Relevant documents that are releasable are among those reproduced in the report of the Inspector-General, and I therefore refer you to the report, which may be found at www.igis.govt.nz/investigation-reports/

Other documents are withheld under the provisions of section 9(2)(h) of the OIA to maintain legal professional privilege. Where information is withheld you have the right under section 28(2) of the OIA to make a complaint to an Ombudsman and seek an investigation and review of my decision.

Yours sincerely



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Director of Security