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Dear Ali

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 3 September 2022, in which you asked for information regarding Police meetings with the (New Zealand Jewish) Community Security Group. You requested the following:

You have openly admitted to having meetings with the Community Security Group, in which they provided information that they intended to be taken as factual by Police. At any stage in those meetings, was mention made of the following peaceful political activists/human rights lobby groups/movements, and if mention was made, what was said about them?

- 1) *Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions*
- 2) *Alternative Jewish Voices (NZ)*
- 3) *Marilyn Garson*
- 4) *Fred Albert*
- 5) *David Weinstein*
- 6) *Denzelle Marcovicci*
- 7) *Palestine Solidarity Network Aotearoa*
- 8) *John Minto*
- 9) *MP Duncan Webb*
- 10) *Aotearoa Standing With Palestine*

This should include recollections from police staff who attended said meetings even if not recorded on paper or electronically.

You are aware from a previous Police response to you on 16 August 2022 (Police reference IR-01-22-17799), that Police has reviewed records of meetings and communications with the Community Security Group. Release of documentation and meeting detail from those is refused under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(c) as the making available of the information is likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences and the right to a fair trial.
- 9(2)(ba)(i) and (ii) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it

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is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.

Police considers the interests requiring protection by withholding the information are not outweighed by any public interest in release of the information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SH', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Sean Hansen
Detective Superintendent
New Zealand Police

