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Brett Mainwaring

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Dear Mr Mainwaring

I refer to your request dated 5 October 2014, in which you request answers to the following questions:

- *Is there a Special US Liaison Officer operating in New Zealand?*

*If so:*

- *What is their purpose?*
- *How long has this position existed?*
- *Does a Special New Zealand Liaison Officer operate inside the United States?*

*If so:*

- *What is their purpose?*
- *How long has this position existed?*

In response to your request, under the provisions of section 10 of the Official Information Act (the Act), I can neither confirm nor deny the presence of a Special US Liaison Officer in New Zealand or a New Zealand Liaison Officer in the United States, on the grounds that disclosure of this information would prejudice the interests protected by section 6(a) of the Act.

In accordance with section 19 of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of the refusal by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ian Fletcher".

Ian Fletcher  
Director