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Aaron Livingston

Email: fyi-request-2098-4171ac3c@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Livingston

Official Information Act Request for communications between the Prime Minister and President of the United States of America

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 13 October 2014 for *“(All) Typed, Hand Written, and Emails (To and From) between You and Barack Hussein Obama, from January 1st 2012 to October 11th 2014”*.

This Office has undertaken a review of each piece of correspondence within the scope of your request. Three of these letters can be classified as etiquette letters, which express congratulations, good wishes or thank the Prime Minister for a gift. On reflection, it would seem that this type of correspondence may be released without prejudicing the international relations of New Zealand or the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand.

Please find copies of these three letters enclosed.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Eagleson
Chief of Staff

Enc: Copies of 3 letters

February 2, 2012
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Prime minister:

On behalf of the American people, I send warm wishes to you and the people of New Zealand as you observe Waitangi day on February 6.

The United States and New Zealand enjoy a strong strategic partnership underpinned by our common democratic values and reaffirmed during your visit to Washington this past July. I look forward to continuing to deepen our work together to support peace, prosperity, and human rights in the coming year.

New Zealand has faced serious challenges in the past year, but your successful hosting of the Rugby World Cup was a potent reminder to viewers around the world of kiwi hospitality, resilience, and spirit, as well as the enduring beauty of your land.

Please accept my best wishes as you commemorate the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Sincerely,

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Barack Obama

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Prime Minister

November 2012

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington DC 20500
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Mr President

Barack,

Please accept my warm congratulations on your re-election.

I have greatly enjoyed working with you during your first term on shaping the relationship between New Zealand and the United States into a strategic partnership oriented towards enhanced cooperation in the Asia-Pacific.

Our two countries are taking great strides together – and I am pleased to have the opportunity to continue this important work with you over the next four years.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Cambodia at the East Asia Summit later this month. This will provide me with the opportunity to pass on my congratulations in person, and continue our conversations about how our countries can work together in pursuit of a more open, peaceful and prosperous world.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon John Key
PRIME MINISTER

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 18, 2014

The Right Honorable
John Key, M.P.
Prime Minister of New Zealand
Wellington

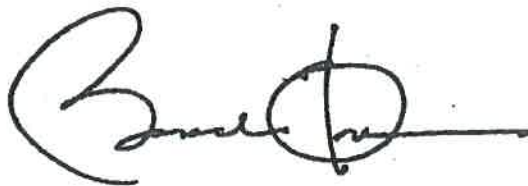
Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It was a pleasure to welcome you back to the White House in June, and Michelle and I are grateful for the thoughtful gifts you gave our family, including Sunny and Bo.

The relationship between the United States and New Zealand has never been stronger, rooted in our shared values, people-to-people bonds, and commercial ties. I look forward to building on the progress we have made and continuing to pursue the opportunities of our time.

Again, thank you for your generosity. I wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be Barack Obama's signature, written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B' and a circular flourish.

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