

OIA-2014-2122

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Alex Harris

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Dear Mr Harris

I refer to your email of 22 October 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), correspondence relating to the meeting recently attended by the Chief of the Defence Force in Washington. You are seeking:

All communications with the USA regarding the Andrews [Air Force Base] meeting, including all agendas and programs.

Accompanying this letter are two documents within scope of your request. The remainder of your request, however, pertains to a sensitive international diplomatic matter. Consequently, I must refuse to release *all communications with the USA, including agendas and programs* under section 6(a) of the OIA. The release of this information would be likely to prejudice the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely



T.J. KEATING

Lieutenant General
Chief of Defence Force

Enclosures

1. Travel Itinerary, Chief of Defence Force, 12-17 October 2014.
2. List of NZDF staff that travelled with the Chief of Defence Force to Washington D.C.