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Tēnā koe Cooper O'Neil

**Official Information Act request relating to Correspondence from Barack Obama  
regarding Pike River Mine disaster**

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 6 October 2024. You requested:

*“Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request all messages of support from former US President Barack Obama to former Prime Minister John Key concerning the Pike River Mine accident.”*

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information relating to your request, but I believe such information may be held by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Nāku noa, nā

Amy Teague  
**Manager, Ministerial Services**