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Dear Jack Walker

Official Information Act Request Relating to the Decision to Lift Sanctions against Iran in February

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 6 August 2016 for *“any intelligence analysis was conducted by the National Assessments Bureau prior to the decision to lift sanctions against Iran in February.”*

We have interpreted your request to be for any analyses by the National Assessments Bureau (NAB) prior to the decision to lift sanctions against Iran in February. I can confirm that there is some information identified as relevant to your request. The information identified has been withheld in its entirety under the following sections of the Official Information Act:

- Section 6(a) as the making available of that information would be likely *“to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.”*
- Section 6(b)(i) as the making available of that information would be likely *“to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government.”*

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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