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Dear Jack Walker

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 12 August 2016 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Your request was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 17 August 2016, and seeks the following under the OIA:

"On 26 March 2002, Helen Clark visited Washington DC where she met with American officials, including separate meetings with George Bush, Colin Powell, and Paul Wolfowitz. I would like to know what was discussed in these three meetings.

If they exist, I request any notes, minutes, transcripts, or other summaries of these meetings."

This letter advises that due to the necessity for further consultation, we will need to extend the time limit for responding to you by 30 working days, to 27 October 2016. It is possible however, that even with this extension, we may be unable to release material relevant to your request.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade