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Dear Mr Winitana

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request, transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage on 26 October 2016 under section 14(b) of the Act.

As you have requested material that has been acquired and preserved solely for reference purposes (section 2(1)(e) refers), your request has been processed as a remote reference enquiry, and not as a request for official information under the Act. The holdings of Archives New Zealand are archived records and as such, are exempt from the Act; the records of Archives New Zealand as a business are public records that are subject to the Act.

You have requested all analogue film footage and /or audio recordings of the 23rd Prime Minister of New Zealand, Michael Joseph Savage, be digitised and made publically available. Archives New Zealand holds a number of archival films concerned with Michael Joseph Savage:

- *New Zealand History in the Making* (1938). This is a Labour Party propaganda film featuring Prime Minister Michael Savage urging voters to vote Labour in the 1938 General Election.

This film has been digitised and can be viewed through our YouTube channel

www.youtube.com/archivesnz.

- *The Years Back – The Thirties* (1973) [Archives reference: W3471 5801 16BW467]. The Years Back was a 13-part documentary series made for television by the National Film Unit. Covering six decades from 1900 to 1960, it was promoted as "people and events that shaped the New Zealand of today", and content was largely influenced by what historic film had survived. Episode 3 covers the 1930s, and makes reference to Michael Joseph Savage.

- *Weekly Review no. 84* (1943) [Archives reference: AAPG 23292 W5654 237]. Produced by the National Film Unit, the *Weekly Review* was the principal New Zealand film series produced in the 1940s, covering newsreel and general interest stories, and occasionally full-reel documentaries. *Weekly Review no. 84* covers the memorial for Michael Joseph Savage in Auckland; the New Zealand Navy's Corvette; and the Army Patrol Torpedo School instruction.

These films have not been digitised. To request the digitisation of these films, please email research.archives@dia.govt.nz. Please note there is a charge for this service.

Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision (formerly The Film Archive) holds numerous films and audio recordings related to Michael Joseph Savage. Many of these have been digitised and made available through their website, www.ngataonga.org.nz. I recommend you contact Ngā Taonga to further investigate their holdings.

The Alexander Turnbull Library also holds some audio recordings that feature Michael Joseph Savage or events that relate to him, such as his state funeral, as well as manuscripts and other items. You can search for items through the National Library website, www.natlib.govt.nz.

I hope this information is of use to you.

Yours sincerely



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