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Dear Ximena

Official Information Act 1982 request 1617-0194

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (Act) request, which was received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 26 January 2017.

You requested

- 1) *What exceptional circumstances qualified Peter Thiel to receive his New Zealand citizenship*
- 2) *How were Thiel's exceptional circumstances in the public interest.*

We previously contacted you to let you know that the Department had chosen to proactively release the information you have requested. Accordingly, we are now declining your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is publicly available.

The information can be viewed here: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Citizenship-of-Mr-Peter-Thiel>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you would like to discuss your request further, please email OIA@dia.govt.nz with your contact details, and we can arrange a time for us to call you.

Yours sincerely



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