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Mr Malcolm Lock
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Dear Mr Lock

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 14 July 2018. Your request was made pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 and specifically requested:

- *In the document <http://www.police.govt.nz/sites/default/files/publications/06-signed-arms-act-administration-redacted.pdf> Police mention in section 33, "Another apparent approach, by a small number of dealers is to avoid the import\special reason requirements by importing quantities of parts that are interchangeable between MSSAs and A category semiautomatic firearms "*
- *Please supply evidence that attempts have been made to circumvent the special reason requirement as detailed in section 33 of the briefing for the minister of police.*
- *Names and address of any dealers maybe redacted for privacy reasons.*

I am withholding this information under section 6(c) of the Official Information Act as the release of the information would prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Yours sincerely



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