

8 May 2019

Official Information Act Request: IR-01-19-7843

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Dear Kay,

I refer to your request for information, dated 14 March 2019, for the following information:

"I wish to request in accordance with the Official Information Act (1982) copies of all records and correspondence between senior officers and officials in the armed services and police forces of New Zealand and their counterparts in Australia and Great Britain relating to the theft of medals and militaria in New Zealand during the period 1970-2000. The records to include, in particular:

- 1- *Correspondence between the New Zealand Military Advisor in London and the Director of the National Army Museum in London, William Reid, from 1978 to 1987.*
- 2- *Correspondence between New Zealand senior officers and Baron Ballantrae (Brigadier Sir Bernard Fergusson, former Governor General of NZ), from 1978 to 1980.*
- 3- *Any records relating to the medal collecting activities in New Zealand of Major Rex Clark (1935-1978) of the Australian Army."*

In response to your request I can advise the following:

Police has undertaken a search of available information, as well as consulting with external agencies. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the requested information as the information is not held and Police has no reason to believe it is held by another agency. Therefore, your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982.

However, please note that there does appear to be records from the Official Secretary's Diaries which are held at NZ Archives. These may include the information you are seeking. We have been in touch with NZ Archives who advise that you are very welcome to visit them and look at those diaries. NZ Archives can be contacted on 04-499 5595/ <http://archives.govt.nz/>.

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You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Hodgson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a trailing flourish.

Lee Hodgson
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