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Mr David Fisher David.Fisher@nzherald.co.nz

Dear Mr Fisher

I refer to your request, dated 5 March 2014, in which you requested:

• "a copy of the NZSID 7 in place prior to the appointment of Rebecca Kitteridge, a copy of NZSID 7 in operation immediately prior to the September 27 law change and a copy of the current NZSID 7."

NZSID 7 was the policy which provided guidance to GCSB staff on the collection, processing, retention and dissemination of foreign signals information, whilst recognising that in the course of such duties, they will from time-to-time inadvertently came across New Zealander's communications whilst prosecuting valid foreign intelligence targets.

NZSID 7 was withdrawn during the implementation of the updated GCSB legislation in late 2013 and replaced by the GCSB Nationality Policy.

Please find enclosed redacted copies of:

- NZSID 7 dated December 2009;
- NZSID 7 dated February 2013;

and a copy of the Unclassified version of the current GCSB Nationality policy.

The redactions to NZSID 7 were made under the provisions of section 6(a) of the Official Information Act (the Act), on the grounds that release of the redacted material would likely prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand. One paragraph of the 2013 version was also redacted under the provision of section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of GCSB staff members.

Yours sincerely

lan Fletcher Director