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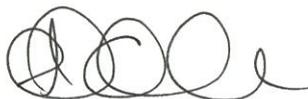
Dear Alex

I refer to your email of 4 November 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), any advice or internal briefing from the last five years about the possibility of a visit by a US warship. This letter is to advise that your request has been transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade for a response, as the questions you asked relate to that organisation's areas of responsibility.

Section 14(b)(ii) of the OIA allows me to transfer a request to another government agency when it is believed that the request is more closely associated with the activities of that organisation.

You retain the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision to transfer your request.

Yours sincerely



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