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Dear Katjoesja Buissink

I refer to your email of 21 February 2019 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...request any documents relating to:

- 1) Venezuela;*
- 2) any other documents which refer to Juan Guaido;*
- 3) Haiti;*
- 4) Communist Party of China;*

written or distributed from January 15 2019 until February 21 2019 inclusive..."

For parts 1 and 2 of your request, I am advised that a large volume of documents is potentially within scope of your request. As there is a possibility that the information you request above will require substantial collation and research to compile, are you able to narrow the scope of your request to more clearly identify the particular information you require? For example, we could focus on formal submissions provided to the Minister of Foreign Affairs during the period covered by your request. It is also likely that much of the information that may be within in scope will need to be extensively redacted in order to avoid prejudicing the relations of the Government of New Zealand, in line with section 6(a) of the Official Information Act.

If your request is not re-scoped, we may need to decline under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

We are progressing parts 3 and 4 of your request and will be back in touch by 21 March 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you as to how you would like to proceed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'W' followed by a horizontal line.

Wendy Adams
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade