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Tēnā koe Craig Innes

I refer to your email of 27 January 2022 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Briefings provided to the Prime Minister related specifically to the Belt and Road Initiative from the past twelve months.*

Three documents, including their titles are withheld in full under Section 6(a) of the OIA, to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government.

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Nāku noa, nā



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