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Tēnā koe Chris McCashin

I refer to your email of 28 September 2022 in which you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

In early February less than 3 weeks before the war in Ukraine began Joe Biden was on camera quoting the following

"If Russia invades Ukraine then there will be no longer a Nordstream 2, we will bring an end to it"

"I promise you, we will be able to do it"

Victoria Nuland a high level Biden official is also on camera noting the following in January

"If Russia invades Ukraine one way or another Nordstream 2 will not move forward"

Now since the pipelines have exploded the media is already out saying Russia has sabotaged the pipelines. Now this would be stupid, anyone with a brain wouldn't do that. Why would he blow up his leverage over Europe - it makes no sense.

Based on this are you able to provide

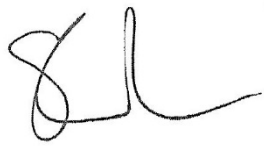
- How do MFAT verify the legitimacy of information coming out of the USA based on historical invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan being on false pretences - please provide process documents*
- Please provide any and all correspondence available from Nato, western allies suggesting that Russia sabotaged their own leverage rather than the more obvious whereby America have done it*
- USA who is currently bankrupt are funding the war - they appear to be the party looking to escalate this conflict*
- If it appears the US are responsible for this act of Environmental Terrorism what is New Zealand's position on supporting an ally responsible for a massive amount of methane emissions in a climate crisis*
- Please provide any and all correspondence associated with Russia sabotaging their own pipeline and the reasons they would do this*
- Please provide any and all correspondence associated with USA sabotaging the pipeline and reasons*
- If USA are responsible which is more than likely the case is it time to sever ties with them as an ally given their historical war crimes - what is the tipping point to sever ties with them*
- Please provide any reports on unintended consequences associated with impact on environment, escalation to nuclear war*

Your request is refused in full under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you have requested does not exist.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

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Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade