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Tēnā koe Mohammed Khan

I refer to your email of 20 January 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- '1) Are any American spies, openly operating in New Zealand at bases like the Waihopai and Tangimoana spy bases, granted diplomatic status as Sacoolas was?*
- 2) Have such spies been granted diplomatic status in the past?'*

On 20 February 2023, the time frames for responding to your request were extended by 20 working days, due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request. Following this extension we are now in a position to respond.

A list of all accredited foreign officials, along with their Diplomatic Title is published on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/embassies/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/embassies/).

In accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, the New Zealand Government expects all accredited diplomats to respect the laws and regulations of New Zealand and seeks waivers of diplomatic immunity when New Zealand law has been breached.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



Sarah Corbett  
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade