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Dear Jonathan Red

I refer to your email of 11 March 2018 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"I would like to request all information held by the Ministry regarding the following two properties - 24 Hatton Street in Wellington and 33 Rama Crescent in Wellington. These properties housed the chancery and the residence of the Embassy of the former Yugoslavia until 1992. The Appendix to Annex B of the Agreement on succession issues, signed by all five successor states of the former Yugoslavia in 2001 in Vienna, lists diplomatic properties of the former country abroad. On this list the two aforementioned properties are listed under the entry for New Zealand. They are listed as having a legal status of "ownership" however under comment column the entry says "Taken over by the Government of New Zealand since 1992".

More specifically I would like to request

-copy of the decision under which the properties were seized in 1992 and any potential subsequent decisions extending the hold -documents showing the current legal status and documents related to the current use of the two properties -any other documents pertaining to the status of these properties, especially recent correspondence with the authorities of Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina or FYR Macedonia or the United Nations bodies."

Some of the information to which your request relates is more closely connected with the Public Trust, who was appointed by an Order of the High Court of New Zealand dated 27 November 1992 to manage the land and other property situated in New Zealand of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Therefore part of your request as below has been transferred to that office in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of the OIA.

"copy of the decision under which the properties were seized in 1992 and any potential subsequent decisions extending the hold -documents showing the current legal status and documents related to the current use of the two properties -any other documents pertaining to the status of these properties,"

The Ministry is continuing to work on your request for:

"especially recent correspondence with the authorities of Serbia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina or FYR Macedonia or the United Nations bodies."

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Adams', written in a cursive style.

Wendy Adams
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade