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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..."

In our letter to you of 21 March 2019, we advised you that the time limit for responding to your request was being extended to 4 April 2019. This extension was necessary due to the necessity for further review and consultation.

I also refer to our letter to you of 4 April 2019 in which we updated you on our progress and advised you of our decision. The consultation process is now complete and we are in a position to provide the documents at issue to you.

Attached are the documents for point 3 relevant to your request. Some portions of the document are withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis;
- 9(2)(a): to protect individuals' privacy;
- 9(2)(ba): to protect the supply of confidential information by a third party; and
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details redacted) and enclosed documents may be published on the Ministry's website.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

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

Wendy Adams
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade