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Dear [REDACTED]

Official information request

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 13 December 2021, in which you ask for:

"All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of The Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) describing the purification of any "COVID-19 virus" (aka "SARS-COV-2", including any alleged "variants" i.e. "B.1.1.7", "B.1.351", "P.1") (for example: via filtration, ultracentrifugation and chromatography), directly from a sample taken from a diseased human where the patient sample was not first combined with any other source of genetic material (i.e. monkey kidney cells aka Vero cells; fetal bovine serum)."

We have searched our records and we do not hold studies or reports described in your request. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information you have asked for does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A Hampton", is written over the printed name.

Andrew Hampton

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tira Tiaki
Director-General, Government Communications Security Bureau