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Dear 

Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 13 December 2021 seeking information describing the purification of the Covid-19 virus.

You have specifically asked for: "All studies and/or reports in the possession, custody or control of The New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) 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)."

In response, I can advise that we have searched our records and we do not hold the information you are seeking. Your request therefore falls under section 18(e) of the OIA – the information you have asked for does not exist.

Review

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact uia.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz.

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 that reads 'Rebecca Kitteridge'.

Rebecca Kitteridge

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumarū
Director-General of Security