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We refer to your email of 14 July 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

please send me old patronage letters between NZ high commissioners and myself Alistair Trotman. Of which i was very grateful for!

They would be between 1995 and 2002, Relating to fixtures listed below,

The context you provided was an email dated 23 December 2022 which says:

I am grateful for past NZ High Commissioners and South African High Commissioners match past patronage of NZ Wekas v SA Impalas ex-pat players invitational rugby games, for the "Gladys Perry Challenge Cup" photos and programs attached.

Grateful also for to The Australian High Commission for endorsing the GP Challenge cup and the trophy from, the Swiftcall one day NZ V Aus cricket international to be competed between NZ, Aus and SA.

Albeit such fixtures and all patronages were 18 plus years ago.

I have today Friday 23rd December invited Ukraines rugby and football associations to raise a squad for fixtures v a Southern Hemisphere players XV and XI in London April or May 2023.

Ukraine federations / Government to retain all net funds and largely control the fixture and revenue streams should they wish. No players to be paid. I will not be paid.

I have invited Ukraine's ambassador to UK to patronize fixture(s)

I would be grateful if you were to patronize the bid and the Southern Hemisphere XV and invite you to stipulate your conditions.

I will be inviting my past patrons Aus and SA High Commissions also to patronage the Southern Hemisphere team and bid.

On 18 July 2024, in reply to our acknowledgment of your OIA request, you said:

Some letters may date from 1993. First one was from Richard collinge?

Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, in that the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information

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Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade