

Hi Jordan

Further to our talk on Monday, I have followed the link given to me in the letter from the Inspector General of Intelligence (OIGIS/OUT/2019/124). I attach a copy of the page below.

From my reading of the information, there is now a 20 year retention period for all Government records. This means that the earliest records I can theoretically access would be 1997.

I began working at ADI (Australian Defense Industries), now Thales, in 1998. In theory I could ask for access to these records on 1 January 2020. So to get access to the files relating to my trips to Russia with Dyno Nobel and DeFAT I will have to wait until 2031.

There is also a caveat at the bottom of the webpage:

"Information about the security of the Commonwealth and its residents – If its disclosure could adversely affect Australia's defence, security or international relations (eg details of the design and construction of weapons, or records about intelligence-gathering, or information passed to the Australian government in confidence by a foreign entity) it will be withheld."

So, I think the likelihood of getting my hands on any information is very low.

Thus, I think I will have to redraft my letter to the Inspector General of Intelligence. It may take me a few days to work out how to be more succinct and specific in my request. Also bearing in mind they cannot look at incidents that happened overseas.



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Regards

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