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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 17 October 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

*- Any and all correspondence not limited to assessments and reports in relation to the threat of a missile strike on South Korea and any other nation, including New Zealand. Specifically:*

*Any and all simulations of a missile strike on South Korea and any other nation, including New Zealand. Dated between January 1, 2020 and today's date.*

*- Any and all correspondence not limited to reports, briefs, and memos from NZDF personnel based in South Korea and Japan regarding missile launches/tests carried out by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) or North Korea. Dated between January 1, 2020 and today's date.*

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has not identified any specific simulations of a missile strike on South Korea or any other nation, including New Zealand, dated between 1 January 2020 and today's date.

Emails from the New Zealand Defence Attaché in South Korea and classified formal messages that have been identified, report information that has been provided by another country and therefore this part of your request has been declined in accordance with section 6(b)(i) of the OIA. The NZDF has identified one unclassified email from the New Zealand Defence Attaché in South Korea sent on 13 November 2022. This email mentions that the missile launches were raised at a meeting, but holds no substantive information on those missile launches/tests.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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