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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your request of 16 August 2023 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) seeking information about unidentified aerial phenomena or *technologies of unknown origin*. On 21 August 2023, the DPMC transferred the following part of your request to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*4. Ongoing flight safety concerns raised by either the Royal New Zealand Air Force, the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand or Five Eyes alliance partners.*

No flight safety concerns have been raised within or to the NZDF regarding unidentified aerial phenomena or *technologies of unknown origin*.

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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