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Dear 

I refer to your email of 31 October 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

*copies of emails (including supporting file attachments) sent from, to, cross-copied (Cc:) to personnel assigned to the New Zealand Defence Attaché to the United States in Washington D.C. for the period 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 (inclusive) that contain any of the following keywords: FVEYS meeting; Five Eyes; FVEY; FVEYS; forum; Five Eyes forum.*

A search of emails for New Zealand Defence Force personnel attached to the New Zealand Defence Attaché's office in Washington produced no results for: *FVEYS meeting; Five Eyes; forum; Five Eyes forum*. Results that included *FVEY/FVEYS* were limited to arrangements for informal lunches, ANZAC day commemorations, Exercise Tropic Twilight, and the annual Chiefs of Defence conference. Much of this correspondence was undertaken on a basis of confidence and is withheld in accordance with sections 6(a) and 6(b)(i) of the OIA. This is in order to avoid prejudice to the international relations of the Government of New Zealand, and the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of another country.

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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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