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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 19 December 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- 1: How many Service Personnel served with NZFORSEA in Singapore from Jan 31 January 1974 until pullout in 1989?*
- 2: What is the history of NZFORSEA?*
- 3: What New Zealand Military Units formed NZFORSEA and were any other Military Units involved?*

No comprehensive list of the personnel who served in Singapore as part of FORSEA is held by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF). General information regarding the NZDF FORSEA deployment, including some personnel numbers, has been compiled for medallic purposes and is available on the NZDF website at <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/media-centre/news/expanded-criteria-for-nzosm-for-service-in-south-east-asia/>.

Records of the history and composition of NZFORSEA are held by Archives New Zealand. This part of your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(d) of the OIA, as this information is already publicly available.

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 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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