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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request to the Minister of Defence email of 11 March 2024 requesting:

All information held by New Zealand Defence Force and New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority About Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP)/Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) in New Zealand air space from January 01 2024 till 09 May 2024.

In accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), your request was transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).

The NZDF has no role or responsibility relating to unidentified aerial phenomenon or unidentified flying objects and holds no relevant information. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA, noting the Minister also transferred your request to the Civil Aviation Authority.

In 2010 the NZDF released to public libraries fifteen volumes containing all accumulated correspondence then held relating to reports of unidentified aerial phenomenon or sightings and unidentified flying objects from 1952 to 2009 inclusive, suitably redacted to protect individual privacy. Copies of this information were provided to: the Dunedin Public Library; the Hamilton Public Library; the Marlborough District Libraries; the Alexander Turnbull Library; and Infofind (the Radio New Zealand library).

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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