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Dear N S Hudson

I refer to your email of 20 June 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information around the 31 May 2023 briefing on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) in Washington DC, including the involvement of, and updates from Five Eyes (FVEYS) partners and information provided or received by the New Zealand representative at the briefing.

The 31 May 2024 briefing was not attended by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Defence Attaché or his representative. Details for the NZDF attendee at the briefing are withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA, as making this information available would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand.

Information provided to the NZDF in relation to the briefing remains classified and was provided to the NZDF on a basis of confidence. It is therefore withheld in full in accordance with sections 6(a) and 6(b)(i) of the OIA, 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 any other country respectively. You may wish to seek information from the All-domain Anomalous Resolution office.

The NZDF does not maintain any databases in relation to UAP sightings, reports or investigations. This part of your request is declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

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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