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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 3 November 2024 to the Ministry of Defence requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

- 1. Official Reports and Investigations: Any and all documents, reports, studies, or files related to UFO/UAP sightings, investigations, and analysis carried out by any branch of the New Zealand government or its agencies, including the Ministry of Defence, Civil Aviation Authority, and Royal New Zealand Air Force, from [start date] to [end date].*
- 2. Military and Civilian Sightings: Information regarding any UFO/UAP sightings reported by military personnel, commercial pilots, or civilian witnesses, including records held by the Civil Aviation Authority and Royal New Zealand Air Force, as well as any actions or investigations taken as a result.*
- 3. Radar Data: Radar logs, flight records, or air traffic control data from the relevant agencies, including the Civil Aviation Authority or any defense or intelligence agencies, capturing instances of anomalous or unidentified flying objects from [start date] to [end date].*
- 4. Communications with Other Governments: Copies of any correspondence or records of collaboration with foreign governments, particularly those related to UFO/UAP phenomena, including but not limited to communications under the Five Eyes intelligence-sharing agreement or with specific nations such as the United States, Australia, or the United Kingdom.*
- 5. Five Eyes-Related Information: Any UFO/UAP-related information that has been shared with New Zealand by other members of the Five Eyes alliance (United States, Australia, Canada, the UK) or that New Zealand has contributed to within this framework. Please provide details of any such intelligence or collaborative reports.*
- 6. Classified and Declassified Files: Any classified or declassified documents relating to UFOs or UAPs that have been reviewed or released under previous OIA requests or as part of ongoing government transparency initiatives.*
- 7. Parliamentary Records: Records of any parliamentary discussions, debates, or mentions related to UFO/UAP phenomena, which may be archived in Hansard or other parliamentary records.*

Question 1, 2 and 3 were transferred to the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) in accordance with section 14(b)(i) of the OIA. This response addresses information held by the NZDF. Information relevant to these parts of your request is contained in the response to you of 31 August 2023. The NZDF position has not changed.

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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