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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your Email of 13 September 2022 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following:

*Was any hardware of military or intelligence nature ever hidden in New Zealand in the past, ie in silos on farms etc, belonging to either New Zealand or any other country.*

*The date of my request is from all of the 1980's and before, back as far as records go, at least till the 1940's)*

*This is a very old date request so I trust that no harm could come by releasing any such information.*

*If the range is too broad, in an area north of Bombay and South of Silverdale, especially silos in Karaka. If the date is too recent, then the 1970's and before will suffice (ie from records beginning to approx 1980).*

A search of old series files for the three Services and Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) produced no information within the scope of your request. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as despite reasonable efforts the information could not be located.

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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