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I refer to your email of 6 December 2022 to the Ministry of Defence requesting: all documentary evidence confirming engagement by and between the USA's UAP Task Force, AOIMSG, AARO and the New Zealand Defence Force and/or the New Zealand Ministry of Defence on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena. As the New Zealand Defence Force is a separate agency, your request was partially transferred under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

No information concerning engagement between the New Zealand Defence Force and the agencies you identified has been found. Your request is therefore declined under section 18(e) of the OIA.

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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