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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 22 February 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information concerning a *cyber attack on the Defence network, understood to be in 2018 or 2019*. You have specifically requested the following:

- *internal reports, briefings, or any other form of correspondence, including that provided to Ministers and/or Ministries, relating to the cyber attack.*
- *details of the nature of the attack, how it was identified, and whether or not it was successful, ie whether any systems or information were compromised or accessed.*
- *confirm that the cyber attack was traced back to government offices in Beijing.*

Information concerning cyber security is withheld in full in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA. Release of the information you have requested would likely reveal the New Zealand Defence Force cyber defence posture, vulnerabilities and give potential attackers an indication of vectors most likely to enable entry.

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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