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27th November 2025

cc: [REDACTED] [@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to the notification of your complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman regarding the decision to withhold non-New Zealand Defence Force information in the response to you of 22 July 2025.

The Office of the Ombudsman has communicated that you are particularly interested in the names and substantive communications contained within the enclosure that was provided to you. Communications from the New Zealand Defence Force staff member were released to you, and the other information remains the property of the respective governments.

In light of the position provided by the Office of the Ombudsman in this instance, a revised version of the enclosure is enclosed. The names and substance of the emails are provided, other information is withheld for the reasons communicated to you on 22 July 2025.

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

GA Motley
Brigadier
Chief of Staff HQNZDF

Enclosure:

1. Email correspondence

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From: [Lugo, Luis A \(Tony\) Jr](#) **s. 6(b)(i)** Sent: Thu, 02 Dec 2021 22:45:34 GMT
To: [Brown, Nadine](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UAPTF Intro (unclassified)

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s. 6(b)(i)

From: Brown, Nadine **s. 6(a)**
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 5:43 PM
To: Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr **s. 6(b)(i)**
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UAPTF Intro (unclassified)

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Wednesday is a bit of a washout for us with handover. Mikki and Jason can probably look to schedule something separate anyway since they'll both miss it.

Nadine Brown

s. 6(a)

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From: Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr **s. 6(b)(i)**
Sent: Thursday, 2 December 2021 5:36 p.m.
To: Brown, Nadine **s. 6(a)**
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UAPTF Intro (unclassified)

Would another time on the 8th be better? I'm trying to sked just after the Large Group.

I'd hate to push again, already had to cancel first date already.

From: Brown, Nadine **s. 6(a)**
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr **s. 6(b)(i)**
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UAPTF Intro (unclassified)

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Hi Tony,

Just FYI, Mikki and I have handover calls at that time on Wednesday, so won't be able to make it and I know Jason won't be here that day either. If that makes any different. Mikki could do the week after.

Thanks, Nadine

Nadine Brown

s. 6(a)

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From: Qureshi, Yasir s. 6(b)(i)

Sent: Thursday, 2 December 2021 10:59 a.m.

To: Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr s. 6(b)(i); Brown, Nadine s. 6(a); 'RIMMER, OWEN s. 6(b)(i); s. 6(b)(i); Gallagher, Jason s. 6(b)(i); s. 6(b)(i); Sabo, Aberdeen s. 6(b)(i); s. 6(b)(i); LOUIS-HENRI.REMILLARD s. 6(b)(i); s. 6(b)(i)

Cc: 'Janes, Annabelle s. 6(b)(i)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UAPTF Intro (unclassified)

Tony,

I just wanted to confirm that the Navy is all set for Wednesday 8 December at 1000. It will be myself and two others from the TF (including the Director).

Please confirm if that is still good on your end.

Thanks,
-Yasir

Yasir Qureshi
s. 6(b)(i)

From: Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr s. 6(b)(i)

Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Qureshi, Yasir s. 6(b)(i)

Brown, Nadine s. 6(a)

'RIMMER, OWEN s. 6(b)(i)

; Gallagher, Jason s. 6(b)(i)

; Sabo,

Aberdeen s. 6(b)(i)

; 'LOUIS-HENRI.REMILLARD s. 6(b)(i)

Cc: 'Janes, Annabelle s. 6(b)(i)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UAPTF Intro (unclassified)

Thank you! Again, my apologies for having to resked.

From: Qureshi, Yasir s. 6(b)(i)

Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr s. 6(b)(i)

Brown, Nadine s. 6(a)

s. 6(a)

; 'RIMMER, OWEN s. 6(b)(i)

; Gallagher, Jason s. 6(b)(i)

; Sabo,

Aberdeen s. 6(b)(i)

; 'LOUIS-HENRI.REMILLARD s. 6(b)(i)

Cc: 'Janes, Annabelle s. 6(b)(i)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UAPTF Intro (unclassified)

Tony,

Thanks for the note. No worries, lets tentatively plan for next week. I'll get with the Director and let him know.

v/r,
-Yasir

Yasir Qureshi

s. 6(b)(i)

From: Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr s. 6(b)(i)

Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 3:16 PM

To: Brown, Nadine s. 6(a)

OWEN s. 6(b)(i)

; RIMMER,

; Gallagher, Jason s. 6(b)(i)

Qureshi,

Yasir s. 6(b)(i)

; Sabo, Aberdeen s. 6(b)(i)

; LOUIS-

HENRI.REMILLARD s. 6(b)(i)

Cc: 'Janes, Annabelle s. 6(b)(i)

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UAPTF Intro (unclassified)

Yasir,

I left a couple of voice messages and wanted to follow-up with this email.

Unfortunately, tomorrow's meeting calendar has had some late changes today and we no longer have availability for a 0930 meeting. I propose that we resked to next Wednesday, 8 December. Do you have availability 1000 on 8 December?

Thanks,
Tony

Tony Lugo, Jr

s. 6(b)(i)

From: Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr s. 6(b)(i)

Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 12:39 PM

To: Brown, Nadine s. 6(a)

RIMMER,

OWEN s. 6(b)(i)

s. 6(b)(i)
 ; Gallagher, Jason s. 6(b)(i)
 ; Remillard,
 Louis-Henri s. 6(b)(i)
 Qureshi, Yasir
 s. 6(b)(i)
 Sabo,
 Aberdeen s. 6(b)(i)
 Cc: 'Janes, Annabelle s. 6(b)(i)
 Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: UAPTF Intro (unclassified)

Team – FYI, this has been moved to Wed 0930, just after the Large Group.

From: Brown, Nadine s. 6(a)
 Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 11:57 AM
 To: 'RIMMER, OWEN s. 6(b)(i)
 ; Gallagher, Jason s. 6(b)(i)
 ; Remillard,
 Louis-Henri s. 6(b)(i)
 Qureshi, Yasir s. 6(b)(i)
 ; Sabo,
 Aberdeen s. 6(b)(i)
 ; Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr s. 6(b)(i)
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Hi Owen,

Interested to participate in this tomorrow. Can you please dial me in s. 6(a) ? Tuesday mornings are an absolute car crash of meetings here s. 6(a) so I won't be able to make it in person.

Thanks, Nadine

Nadine Brown

s. 6(a)

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From: RIMMER, OWEN s. 6(b)(i)**Sent:** Monday, 29 November 2021 11:49 a.m.**To:** Brown, Nadine; Gallagher, Jason s. 6(b)(i); Remillard, Louis-Henri s. 6(b)(i)

s. 6(b)(i); Qureshi, Yasir s. 6(b)(i); Sabo, Aberdeen s. 6(b)(i)

s. 6(b)(i); Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr s. 6(b)(i)

Cc: Janes, Annabelle s. 6(b)(i)**Subject:** FW: UAPTF Intro**When:** Tuesday, 30 November 2021 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).**Where:** 3C1088 Conference Room

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Introduction for FVEYS Office to UAP Task Force

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From: RIMMER, OWEN s. 6(b)(i)**Sent:** 29 November 2021 11:28**To:** RIMMER, OWEN s. 6(b)(i); Qureshi, Yasir s. 6(b)(i); Sabo,

Aberdeen s. 6(b)(i); Lugo, Luis A (Tony) Jr s. 6(b)(i)

Cc: Janes, Annabelle s. 6(b)(i)**Subject:** UAPTF Intro**When:** 30 November 2021 10:00-10:30 (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).**Where:** 3C1088 Conference Room

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