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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 7 August 2025 requesting the following, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

A summary of items recovered by divers from the Manawanui.

Information held regarding personal items recovered from officers quarters from the Manawanui.

Any photographs containing personal items recovered from officers quarters from the Manawanui, including of the items being mishandled.

Any correspondence regarding the appropriateness of the handling of personal items recovered from officers quarters from the Manawanui.

Any information regarding a Court-martial or disciplinary process for staff regarding this.

Weapons, ammunition, equipment, debris, and personal items were recovered from HMNZS Manwanui. This includes, but is not limited to, anchors, flags, keys, challenge coins, plaques, and clothing.

An image of personal items recovered from officers' quarters is provided below.



There is no New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) correspondence on the appropriateness of handling personal items. No NZDF personnel have been involved in, or are the subject of, any disciplinary action regarding the handling of personal items recovered from officers' quarters.

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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