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Dear 

I refer to your email of 11 August 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Under the Official Information Act 1982 I request copies of all correspondence including emails, letters, text messages, WhatsApp messages, Signal messages, or Microsoft teams messages, sent or received by your Chief Executive regarding the American Proud Boys since 1 January 2025.*

As a member of the National Security Board, the Chief of Defence was informed of National Security Board considerations of terrorist designations. This information is publicly available at:

<https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2025-08/pr-designation-terror-entity-key-docs-v2.pdf>

The Chief of Defence Force has not sent any correspondence, and did not receive any additional correspondence, regarding the American Proud Boys.

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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