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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your email of 11 September 2025 referencing United States' military *talks with partners*, *US General Whiting's visit*, and *United States' Congress ordered a report*. You have therefore requested the following:

- *Pls summarise any and all interactions NZDF/MOD has had re the **report** or **talks**, including whether it has had such talks or was asked to, or plans to in future; and if it has a copy of the report/assessment or has sighted it*
- *A copy of records of any NZDF or MOD interactions with the US related to the **talks** or **report***
- *A copy of records incl any minutes and any verbal exchanges from the **visit** that relate in any way to launch incl but not limited to responsive launch*
- *A copy of any documents associated with the **talks, visit or report** above, that include reference to launch including but not limited to responsive launch, generated either before or after the **talks, visit or report***
- *A copy of the **report** above, or any link to it NZDF/MOD uses.*

Your request has been considered under the the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). As the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) are separate agencies, transferring your request was considered. After consultation, the MoD confirmed no relevant information is held, a transfer was therefore deemed unnecessary.

The NZDF holds no relevant information regarding the *talks* and *report* to which you refer. NZDF information concerning meetings with General Stephen Whiting, United States Space Command, is publicly available on the NZDF website<sup>1</sup>.

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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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/OIA-2025-5468\\_Briefings-for-visit-of-US-General.pdf](https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/assets/Uploads/DocumentLibrary/OIA-2025-5468_Briefings-for-visit-of-US-General.pdf)