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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 15 October 2025 that states:

*I had a couple of questions regarding a [story published](#) in the Washington Post on October 12, which referenced documents on the creation of what the US military describes as the "Regional Security Construct" in the Middle East and that showed presentations, written between 2022 and 2025, were distributed to Five Eyes intelligence alliance.*

***I would like to request confirmation that these presentations were received by New Zealand Defence.***

*The Washington Post reported plans to create a Combined Middle East Cyber Center" by the end of 2026 to serve as a headquarters for education and exercises on defensive cyber operations and another document that advocated for the creation of an "Information Fusion Center" for partners to "rapidly plan, execute, and assess operations in the information environment."*

***I would like to confirm these documents were also received and that NZ as a Fives Eyes partner is involved in their implementation.***

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). I understand you have made the same request to the Ministry of Defence. That Ministry will respond accordingly.

The New Zealand Defence Force has no information within the scope of the request. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA.

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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