

From: Ministerial Services

Sent: Thursday, 27 November 2025 10:45 a.m.

To: 'Peter Ituma' <fyi-request-33014-8c59a578@requests.fyi.org.nz>

Subject: [unclassified] RE: Official Information request - UFOs

Good morning Peter Ituma,

Your request below has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). It seeks similar information to numerous other requests received over the past decades. There are many New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) responses to these requests publicly available on both the NZDF and FYI websites.

In 2010, the (NZDF) released to public libraries fifteen volumes containing all accumulated correspondence then held relating to reports of unidentified aerial phenomenon or sightings (UAS) / unidentified flying objects (UFO) 1952 to 2009 inclusive, suitably redacted to protect individual privacy. Copies of this information were provided to: the Dunedin Public Library; the Hamilton Public Library; the Marlborough District Libraries; the Alexander Turnbull Library; and Infofind (the Radio New Zealand library).

The NZDF has no role or responsibility relating to reports of UAS/UFO. The NZDF neither investigates nor maintains records relating to UAS/UFO sightings.

With respect to your request for NZDF records regarding *unusual radar, infrared, or sensor anomalies...All Occurrence Reports or Air Safety reports referencing unknown craft, anomalous flight behavior, or weather anomalies inconsistent with standard meteorological patterns...Maritime or aerospace anomalies around NZ EEZ*, a substantial research and collation effort would be required to identify any relevant information across the twenty-year period of your request. These parts of your request are therefore declined in accordance with section 18(f) of the OIA.

There is no information concerning: *UAP/UFO data sharing...“legacy crash-retrieval” allegations*; relevant briefings to Ministers of Defence; or *internal NZDF discussion papers evaluating whether NZ should adopt a formal UAP reporting protocol*. These parts of your request are therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA. Similarly there is no information concerning *Southern Hemisphere sensor gaps* in the context of your request. Information concerning NZDF surveillance capability that is not already publicly available on the NZDF website is withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA.

This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website.

Regards

Corporate and Ministerial Services

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-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Ituma [<mailto:fyi-request-33014-8c59a578@requests.fyi.org.nz>]

Sent: Wednesday, 26 November 2025 9:34 p.m.

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Subject: Official Information request - UFOs

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Dear New Zealand Defence Force,

I request:

-All NZDF reports, logs, or radar data reviews since 2005 relating to -Unidentified objects detected by RNZAF, naval ships, or air surveillance aircraft -Any unusual radar, infrared, or sensor anomalies - Uncorrelated targets that were escalated or logged -All Occurrence Reports or Air Safety reports referencing unknown craft, anomalous flight behavior, or weather anomalies inconsistent with standard meteorological patterns -All communications with foreign militaries or intelligence partners referencing -UAP/UFO data sharing, -Southern Hemisphere sensor gaps, -Maritime or aerospace anomalies around NZ EEZ -Anything connected with "legacy crash-retrieval" allegations -Any operational briefings provided to Ministers of Defence (current or former) discussing this matter -All internal NZDF discussion papers evaluating whether NZ should adopt a formal UAP reporting protocol

Thank you

Yours faithfully,

Peter Ituma

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