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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your emails of 23 February 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. With the recent attempted espionage at Linton Military Base, was there any evidence of foreign political interference, and was there any evidence of psychological manipulation over cyberspace?*
- 2. In reference to the program David Seymour is referencing in this screenshot, was the introduction of this program related to the recent attempted espionage at Linton Military base?*

As has been widely reported, the attempted espionage at Linton Military Camp was undertaken by a NZ Army soldier who admitted to handing over material to an undercover officer posing as a foreign agent. The soldier has subsequently been charged and sentenced with orders issued prohibiting the publication of certain details of the case. The sentence and suppression orders are currently subject to an appeal.

The NZ Army Bicultural Policy is not linked to these events at Linton Military Camp.

Given the nature and extent of the suppression orders that are currently in force, your request for further details relating to the case is declined in accordance with the following sections of the OIA: section 6(a), to avoid prejudicing the security of New Zealand, and section 6(c), to avoid prejudicing the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

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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