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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 8 April 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

NZDF has developed a "joint Concept of Operations with associated planning support for Multi-National Force – Operation Olympic Defender".

RNZ requests release in full and in fully searchable format

- *The latest version of the Concept of Operations*
- *If this consists of various reports or documents, then we request a copy of each one.*
- *A written summary in relation to OOD of all Defence's activities and interactions since joining, and planned activities and interactions.*

While the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) has helped shape the Operation Olympic Defender Concept of Operations, it belongs to the Government of the United States of America. The New Zealand Defence Force is not authorised to release this information, and it is withheld in full in accordance with sections 6(a) and 6(b)(i) of the OIA.

There is a single NZDF Liaison Officer in support of Operation Olympic Defender. The provision of a *written summary in relation to OOD of all Defence's activities and interactions since joining, and planned activities and interactions* would impair efficient administration in accordance with section 16(2)(a) 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 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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