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Dear 

I refer to your email of 1 May 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *all formal correspondence between the US and New Zealand Defence Force regarding the Strait of Hormuz, its closure, and any military activities or potential military activity in the Strait since March 2026.*

I understand you have made the same request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. As they are the lead agency for any such correspondence, you are referred to their response and this removes the need for a formal transfer of your request.

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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