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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your email of 1 September 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- *all communications between your agency and the National Party Leaders' Office, from 3 February 2025 to today's date.*
- *This should include, but not be limited to emails, text messages, letters, meeting invitations, WhatsApp messages.*

There is no record of correspondence between the New Zealand Defence Force and the National Party Leader's office during the specified period of time. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

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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