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Dear [redacted]

I refer to your email of 7 September 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *communications between the NZDF and the Prime Minister's office, including the PM himself, on why Christopher Luxon flew out of Palau on Friday September 4 rather than on Sunday with a larger delegation of pacific leaders*.

There are no relevant communications between the New Zealand Defence Force and the Prime Minister's Office. Your request is therefore declined in accordance with section 18(e) 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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