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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 6 October 2026 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information about New Zealand involvement in Apollo Maneuvers and Apollo Insight exercises in 2026:

- *Copies of all briefings and/or reports of any kind produced for, and all post activity reports arising from, New Zealand Defence Force involvement*
- *Please detail the numbers of NZDF personnel involved and what they did at each*
- *Please release any kind of report this year about NZDF contribution to or involvement in manoeuvrable space capability also involving the US*
- *The Pentagon last month re these exercises quoted Gen Whiting saying there is an urgent need to integrate allied and commercial capabilities. Please release a copy of any briefing or report this year related to this process to "integrate".*
- *Please outline any plans for NZDF to be involved in future commercial integration wargaming similar to or building on this*

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) did not participate in Apollo Maneuvers 26 or Apollo Insight. The NZDF had awareness of the activities, and a NZDF Liaison Officer was present at planning sessions and attended the first and third Apollo Insight exercises as an observer.

The NZDF does not have the authority to release United States Space Command documents, and these are withheld in accordance with sections 6(a) and 6(b)(i) of the OIA. Unilateral release of this information would prejudice the international relations of the Government of New Zealand and the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence. You may wish to make a request via the United States Freedom of Information Act¹.

The NZDF is not planning to attend the fourth Apollo Insight exercise.

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 <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-complaint> 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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¹ <https://www.foia.gov>