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Dear K Jarret

I refer to your email of 9 July 2019, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) *information regarding the Boeing 757s operated by RNZAF 40 Squadron [the two aircraft known in service as NZ7571 and NZ7572]. Within the time frame of 00.00 am Sunday 7/7/2019 and 09.00 am Tuesday 9/7/2019 the time and place of departure, intended destination, actual destination and time of arrival of all flights.*

You also stated that you request was for *the manifest of all passengers and crew, including names*, with the exception of the names of any New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) or New Zealand Police personnel or employees. Note, all individuals travelling on the flights below were members of the NZDF, or their family members. The names of the military family members are withheld, in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the OIA, for the protection of personal privacy.

Two flights fall within your request. Both flights were made by NZ7572.

Flight NZB295 departed Whenuapai at 0900 on 7 July, landing in Christchurch at 1025. The aircraft took off again at 1125 and flew to Wellington, landing at 1215. At 1255, it flew to Ohakea, landing at 1330. The aircraft proceeded to Whenuapai at 1410, landing at 1505.

There were four passengers on board on the leg from Whenuapai to Christchurch, including three military family members, plus three military personnel who were travelling on to Ohakea and one other who was to fly the round trip.

Eleven military personnel flew from Christchurch to Ohakea, as well as four military family members. Twenty-seven military personnel flew from Christchurch to Whenuapai. One Army officer flew the leg from Wellington to Ohakea only. Nine military personnel flew from Wellington to Whenuapai. Sixty-seven military personnel flew from Ohakea to Whenuapai.

On 8 July, Flight NAB009 departed Whenuapai at 0800 in support of Exercise *Talisman Sabre*, landing at Ohakea at 0955. It departed Ohakea at 1125 with 64 military personnel on board and flew to Rockhampton, landing at 1400.

I trust that this satisfies your request for official information but you retain a right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask the Ombudsman to review this response.

Yours sincerely

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