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Dear Ms Morse

I refer to your request of 10 June 2020, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following:

Please provide any information about the NZ Navy's training exercise at Kauri Point from 12-15 June 2020 including information relating to scenarios involving "a crowd of protesters".

Enclosed are a Royal New Zealand Navy Office of Fleet Operational Readiness Minute, and a message sent out to all Navy personnel by the Maritime Component Commander (MCC), Commodore Mathew Williams, on 15 June 2020. The enclosed Minute instructs the execution of an exercise as part of a 'Work Up' for HMNZS *Otago*, testing the reactions of the Ship and her crew in several challenging scenarios. Please note the following Defence Force acronyms used in the Minute: Defence Munitions Management Group (DMMG); Fleet Warfare Officer (FWO); Maritime Operational Evaluation Team (MOET); in accordance with (IAW); Team Leader (TL); Operational Risk Management (ORM); Commanding Officer (CO); HMNZS Matataua (MAT); In Charge (IC); Recruit Training School (RTS); Basic Common Training (BCT); Damage Control (DC); Fleet Warfare Assistant (FWA); in coordination with (ICW); Financial Services Executive Officer (FSXO).

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You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosures:

1. Minute - HMNZS OTAGO DIRECTED LEVEL OF CAPABILITY (DLOC) WORK UP – FORCE PROTECTION TRAINING PERIOD ALONGSIDE DISTRICT AMMUNITION DEPOT, KAURI POINT 12-15 APR 20
2. Email – MCC response to recent media articles on the RNZN