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Mr Shane Warbrooke
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Dear Mr Warbrooke

I refer to your e-mail of 7 January 2014 in which you asked under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) to:

*Please provide any and all documentation and information regarding or making reference to:
Extraterrestrials
Alien lifeforms and/or artifacts and/or communication
Unidentified Flying or Submerged objects*

Information relating to unusual aerial sightings was made publicly available by way of a first tranche released in December 2010, and a second tranche released in May 2011. Hard copy volumes were deposited with the major metropolitan public libraries. The NZDF does not have a version of those volumes in a format which could be sent to you by electronic means. Accordingly, I must decline the bulk of your request pursuant to OIA s.18(d), because the information requested is publicly available.

It would require substantial collation and research to address your request for information about unidentified submerged objects. That part of your request is declined pursuant to OIA s.18 (f).

In terms of OIA s.18B, I do not consider that consulting with you would result in a different outcome.

You have the right under OIA s.28(3) to ask the Ombudsman to review this response.

Yours sincerely



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Lieutenant General
Chief of Defence Force