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Dear Mr Harris

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 19 November 2020, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the Brereton Report, including the following information:

What is the NZ Ministry of Defence doing to:

1) Determine if any New Zealand personnel were involved in either the crimes or the related cover-ups?

and

2) To prosecute any personnel involved in either the crimes or the cover-ups?

The report you refer to has been carried out by the Inspector General of the Australian Defence Force into possible breaches of the Law of Armed Conflict by members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF). The report does not name specific personnel within the ADF.

However, the ADF has confirmed that no New Zealand service personnel are persons of interest or affected persons as a result of the inquiry. The inquiry makes no recommendations with regard to service personnel from New Zealand.

As no New Zealand personnel were involved, the Ministry of Defence is taking no action with regard to this inquiry.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to request the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Swain', followed by a horizontal line.

Michael Swain
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