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Dear Jason

## RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 20 June 2023, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *Any documents, reports, or memos related to the Five Eyes Foreign Material Recovery Program (FMP) with a specific focus on UAP.*
2. *Information on the objectives, scope, and operational aspects of the FMP in relation to UAP.*
3. *Any assessments, studies, or analyses conducted by the Ministry of Defence regarding recovered foreign materials associated with UAP.*
4. *Any communication or correspondence between the Ministry of Defence and other Five Eyes alliance members regarding the FMP and UAP.*
5. *Any records of encounters with UAP, including incident reports, witness testimonies, and analysis of potential national security threats.*

The Ministry of Defence is a civilian agency that is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements and the delivery of major capability projects. We have no reason to believe that we hold any information within scope of your request. Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Mel Childs'.

Mel Childs  
Deputy Secretary, Governance, People and Executive Services