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Tēnā koe N. S. Hudson

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 17 February 2024 to the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB). Your request asked the following:

"...May I please get any and all radio and radar information regarding the February/March 1987 Hauraki Gulf exercises involving HMNZS Southland and the unknown submersible object they were out to attract, which also followed and then approached and got beneath the Southland.

Also any and all information that states how often Unidentified Submersible objects are appearing on any form of signals equipment, with the routes that are traced from start to finish of tracking..."

Response

A search of our records identified no information held by GCSB in scope of either part of your request. Accordingly, I am formally refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document/s alleged to contain the information do not exist.

Review

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact information@gcsb.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

Andrew Clark

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Tira Tiaki
Director General of the GCSB