



4 July 2024

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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0954

Dear N.S. Hudson

Official Information Act request relating to [Hudson] Information related to keywords (Balloon etc)

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 10 June 2024. You requested:

"A list in the form of a spreadsheet, of any documentation recieved with content relating to "Balloon" or "Balloons", "Canadian Airspace", "NORAD" or "North American Aerospace Defense Command" From Feb 2023 to current. This is in relation to (Chinese) balloon and or Unidentified craft detection/shootdowns with or without recovery, over the Arctic, US or Canadian Airspace.

A list in the form of a spreadsheet, of any documentation recieved with content relating to "Langley Airforce Base" or "Langley AFB", "drone", "drones" From Dec 2023 to current. This is in relation to drone and or Unidentified craft flown around and or over the above mentioned Air Force Base in the state of Virginia, the United States."

On 13 June you refined the request to read:

"Drone(s)" and "Langley" in the same documents from any government/intelligence/embassy/military source as a briefings to a Minister. Sorry I'll swap out "balloon" for "object", but with the areas mentioned below. "object" and "Yukon, Canada", "object" and "Deadhorse, Alaska", in the same documents from any government/intelligence/embassy/military source as a briefings to a Minister."

I have interpreted part one of your request to be for any briefings held by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) for the period from 1 February 2023 until the date of your request refinement: 13 June 2024. I have interpreted part two to be for briefings held by DPMC for the period of 1 December 2023 to the date of your refinement: 13 June 2024.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) can only respond to your request as it relates to information held or received by DPMC. If you would like to make further requests for information held by other agencies and Ministers, you can find their contact details here: www.justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/directory-of-official-information/.

I can advise that DPMC has carried out a search of its electronic data bases for information relevant to your request. No documents have been identified as within scope of your request and as such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the requested information does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director
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