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Dear NS Hudson

I refer to your email of 25 July 2024, following the response of 23 July on the same subject, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) information about the New Zealand Defence Force's (NZDF's) involvement in the May 2023 Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP) briefing in Washington.

As previously advised, one member of the NZDF attended the May 2023 UAP briefing given their posting to Washington D.C. Specific details of the member's role and other information are withheld in accordance with section 6(a) of the OIA to avoid prejudice to the security or defence of New Zealand. The NZDF has no role or responsibility relating to unidentified aerial phenomenon or unidentified flying objects and holds no relevant information.

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Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

**AJ WOODS**

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