

Ministerial Services

From: Shapland, Michael, BRIG
Sent: Friday, 19 July 2024 4:19 p.m.
To: Ministerial Services **s.6(a)**
Cc: **s.6(a)**, CDR
Subject: RE: Official Information request - Documents and Information Related to May 2023 UAP Briefing and NZDF Involvement OIA-2024-5065

Categories: **s.9(2)**

H: **s.9(2)(a)**

I received the following from Lt Col **s.6(a)**

The emails referred to are between the US and FVEY partners proposing a FVEY meeting and advising us what the Agenda would be

Hope this assists in answering. Happy to answer any further questions

Cheers

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From: Ministerial Services <ministerialservices@nzdf.mil.nz>
Date: Wednesday, 17 Jul 2024 at 11:32 AM
To: Shapland, Michael, BRIG <**s.6(a)**>, **s.6(a)**
<**s.6(a)**>
Cc: **s.6(a)**, CDR <**s.6(a)**>
Subject: RE: Official Information request - Documents and Information Related to May 2023 UAP Briefing and NZDF Involvement OIA-2024-5065

Good morning Michael,

Thank you for the below. We are finalising our response to this request and I'm just looking for clarification on the classified emails about the event that you mentioned. Are these internal NZDF correspondence only, or do they involve US or foreign recipients? If they are internal NZDF emails, although we wouldn't look to release them given their classification, can you provide a written summary of their contents that would be releasable?

Many thanks

s.9(2)(a)

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From: Shapland, Michael, BRIG
Sent: Thursday, 4 July 2024 8:56 a.m.
To: s.6(a) <s.6(a)>; s.9(2)(a) <s.9(2)(k)>
Cc: s.6(a), CDR <s.6(a)>; s.6(a), LTCOL <s.6(a)>
Subject: RE: Official Information request - Documents and Information Related to May 2023 UAP Briefing and NZDF Involvement OIA-2024-5065

Hi s.9(2)

I have engaged Lt Col s.6(a) who has provided some responses in the attached document. I also provide the following summary.

- This response should be read in conjunction with the previous response provided by Lt s.6(a) (also SIE email to CDR s.6(a) which will have been forwarded to s.6(a))
- The DA (BRIG Shapland did not receive the invitation) and did not attend the briefing
- The briefing was attended by Lt Col s.6(a)
- The US office that is responsible for UAP in the US is the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO).
- They have a public facing website www.aaro.mil that has a large amount of information the OIA requestor could access to meet their requirements under the OIA. In discussion with the AARO office, there is more information on this site than what was discussed at the unclassified level last year.
- We have no authority to release any documents from other nations. The requestor is best to seek that information directly from the nations mentioned
- We have classified emails (SECR@T) that discuss attendance at the event, the proposed Agenda and action items arising from the meeting.

In terms of the OIA request itself, Lt Col s.6(a) has consulted AARO on the information being requested and they have provided comment in green on the attached word document he has provided his comments in blue.

Happy to answer any follow on questions.

cheers

<< File: 20240703_UC_OIA_REPLY_UAP.docx >>

Ngā Mihi / Kind Regards,

Brigadier Mike Shapland, DSD

Defence Attaché & Head NZDS Washington

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From: s.6(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2024 11:16 p.m.
To: Shapland, Michael, BRIG <s.6(a)>
Cc: s.6(a), CDR <s.6(a)>
Subject: FW: Official Information request - Documents and Information Related to May 2023 UAP Briefing and NZDF Involvement OIA-2024-5065

Morning Mike,

Please find below an OIA that has been received by Ministerial Services.

Can you please advise Ministerial Services (s.9(2)(a)) if you have access to any of the information detailed below and then work with him to provide the necessary response?

Thanks,

s.6(a)

Director Defence Attachés

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From: Ministerial Services

Sent: Thursday, 27 June 2024 1:56 p.m.

To: s.6(a), CDR <s.6(a)>

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Can we have any input SCE may have by COB 8 July?

Happy to discuss this request.

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From: N. S. Hudson [mailto:fyi-request-27315-76f5cb5f@requests.fyi.org.nz]

Sent: Thursday, 20 June 2024 5:26 p.m.

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Thank you for your assistance. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Kind regards,
N.S.Hudson

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s.6(a) **Comment:** The DA did not receive the invitation as the invitation arrived on classified means. s.6(a) received the invitation directly due to his responsibilities as s.6(a) to the Under Secretary of Defence (s.6(a)).

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From: s.6(a) CDR
Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2024 7:54 a.m.
To: Ministerial Services
Cc: s.9(2)(g)(i)
Subject: RE: Official Information request - Documents and Information Related to May 2023 UAP Briefing and NZDF Involvement OIA-2024-5065

Hi s.9(2)(g)(i)

Sorry I had dropped track on this after the US replying to you – am guessing they haven't answered the below then? If not will send out to clarify.

Nothing has changed re: NZ getting points two and three to the best of our knowledge.

s.6(a)

CDR s.6(a), RNZN (he/him)

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Good morning s.6(a)

This response is due next Monday and it would be good to have confirmation ahead of time, particularly around the following:

- Was LtCol s.6(a) a representative of the NZDF Defence Attaché's office when attending this meeting?
- No documents received from Australia, UK, Canada on the UAP Briefing and related matters?
- No information generated by the NZDF on the "FVEY UAP Collaboration Way-Ahead Plan"?

Cheers

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Hi **s.9(2)(g)(i)**

Certainly no change to what I provided a few months back. I will reach out to the US again and see if they have anything further to add.

s.6(a)

CDR **s.6(a)**, RNZN (he/him)

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