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Rob McGrail
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Dear Mr McGrail

YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 1 September 2017, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information relating to 'war game exercises' commissioned or run by the Ministry in the last 15 years.

The Ministry has not commissioned or run any war game exercises in recent years, and I have no reason to believe any earlier information of this nature exists.

The scope of your request is such that conducting a search for this information would require searching through Ministry files dating back 15 years. This would constitute a substantial effort to research material that I do not believe exists. I am therefore declining your request under section 18(f) of the Act.

After consulting with the New Zealand Defence Force I believe they will be able to assist you with your request. I am therefore transferring your request to the New Zealand Defence Force in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Quilter'.

Helene Quilter
Secretary of Defence

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