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Mr Mirkyton Ummashtarte fyi-request-10695-a4fa007b@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Ummashtarte

I refer to your email of 6 July 2019 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information pertaining to members of the United States Armed Forces stationed in Aotearoa in the last 2 years.

You also said that you would appreciate access to information on civilian facilities visited by the US military if it is held.

The only United States military personnel stationed in New Zealand are those at the Embassy of the United States of America in Wellington, and the Defence Attaché.

The United States nationals working in Christchurch on Antarctica-related activities are private-sector contractors.

Occasionally, US military personnel participate in New Zealand-based courses for short periods, although such temporary attachments could not accurately be deemed to be "stations".

As far as information about civilian facilities that may have been visited by military members of the staff at the Embassy of the United States, the New Zealand Defence Force does not collect or hold this information.

I trust that this fully satisfies your request for official information.

Yours sincerely

A.J. WOODS Air Commodore

Chief of Staff HQNZDF

