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Dear Valerie Morse

I refer to your email of 20 July 2021 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), *information regarding NZDF participation in Exercise Talisman Sabre 2021*, and, specifically:

- 1. The number of personnel and number and type of equipment participating in this exercise*
- 2. If NZ Navy vessels are deployed, are they participating in the United States Navy Expeditionary Strike Group exercise?*

The New Zealand Defence Force's involvement in Exercise Talisman Sabre 2021 is 10 personnel from the New Zealand Army and three from the Royal New Zealand Air Force. New Zealand equipment associated with the exercise consists of 10 sets of body armour and helmets, and 10 MARS-L rifles, for the 10 Army personnel. No Royal New Zealand Navy vessels or personnel are participating in the Exercise.

You retain a right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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