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Tēnā koe N.S. Hudson

Official information request

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 3 October 2023 to the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service (NZSIS) asking if we hold any documents about the following topics:

- i) The United States Navy Antarctic Developments Program aka Operation Highjump 1946–1947;*
- ii) Nazi German Military activity on or around Antarctica between 1935 to 1980;*
- iii) Air New Zealand Flight TE901 crash at Mt Erebus, Antarctica 28 November 1979;*
- iv) Any UFO/UAP/USO activity on or around Antarctica.*

Response

I can advise that the NZSIS holds no documents relevant to questions 1, 2 and 4.

With regard to question 3, the only documents we hold about the crash of Air New Zealand flight TE901 at Mt Erebus are previous OIA requests for similar information.

This documentation has not been provided to you in order to protect the privacy of individuals as allowed by section 9(2)(a) of the OIA. I consider that the public interest does not outweigh my decision to withhold this information in this instance.

I can tell you, however, that the NZSIS's response to the OIA requests was the same as the advice I am providing to you, which is that the Erebus disaster and its aftermath were outside the NZSIS's legal mandate and we hold no information.

Apart from the OIA requests mentioned above, your request therefore falls under section 18(e) of the OIA – the documents requested do not exist.

Review

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oya.privacy@nzsis.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Hampton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Hampton

Te Tumu Whakarae mō Te Pā Whakamarumarū
Director-General of Security