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Tēnā koe Lee Jared

I refer to your email of 10 March 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Accordingly, I kindly request the following information:

1. Diplomatic Communications:

Records of any communications, discussions, or correspondence with the United States and other countries regarding UAPs from January 2010 to the present.

This includes, but is not limited to, exchanges with embassies, diplomatic missions, and international organizations.

2. International Forums and Discussions:

Details of New Zealand's participation in any international forums, meetings, or discussions that addressed airspace security and UAPs. Information on any official statements, positions, or contributions made by New Zealand representatives on the topic of UAPs.

3. Inter-agency Coordination:

Information on how MFAT coordinates with other New Zealand government agencies (e.g., the Ministry of Defence, the New Zealand Space Agency) on matters related to UAPs in an international context.

4. Research and Analysis:

Any research, reports, or analysis conducted or commissioned by MFAT regarding UAPs and their implications for international relations and national security.

Understanding the sensitivity of the subject, I am open to receiving redacted versions of documents where necessary. Should some of the requested information be more appropriately held by another government entity, I would appreciate guidance or referral to the relevant agency.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) has no record of the information you have requested. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade