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Ref: OIA-2023/24-0650

Dear Lee Jared

Official Information Act request relating to Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 12 March 2024. You requested:

“With the global attention on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) following recent disclosures and discussions in the United States, including hearings and reports to Congress, there's a growing public interest in understanding how nations are addressing these occurrences. As such, I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982 concerning New Zealand's stance, understanding, and any action taken regarding UAPs. This request aims to uncover insights into discussions, briefings, and any directives within the national security and intelligence community under the purview of the DPMC.

Specifically, I am interested in the following:

1. Briefings and Discussions:

*Records of any briefings, memos, or discussions held within the DPMC regarding UAPs from January 2010 to the present. This includes any meetings with or reports from the New Zealand Defence Force, intelligence agencies, or other government departments related to UAP sightings, investigations, or policy implications.
Guidance and Directives:*

2. Copies of any guidance, directives, or policy documents issued by or to the DPMC concerning the reporting, investigation, or public communication of UAP incidents. This encompasses any inter-agency collaboration guidelines involving UAP-related information sharing.

International Communications:

3. Details on New Zealand's engagement in international dialogues regarding UAPs, including communications with the United States or other allies, and New Zealand's contributions to or participation in international forums addressing UAP security implications.

Research and Analysis:

4. Information on any research or analysis commissioned or conducted by the DPMC, or in collaboration with other government entities, focused on UAP sightings, technologies, or phenomena.

Understanding the sensitivity and security implications of the requested information, I am open to receiving redacted documents where necessary. Should any part of this request be better directed to another agency, I kindly ask for guidance or referral to ensure comprehensive coverage of this important topic.”

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) does not hold any of the information you have requested. As such, we are refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information you have requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

We do not intend to publish this response on DPMC's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Ward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Ward
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