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Dear Lee

## RESPONSE TO YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 16 February, in which you requested, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the Ministry's involvement with Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP) topic, reports and investigations.

The Ministry of Defence is a civilian agency that is responsible for the development of defence policy, international defence engagements, the delivery of major capability projects and the assessing the defence system.

We have no grounds to believe that the Ministry holds any information pertaining to your request and as such, your request is declined under section 18(g)(i) of the Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to request the Ombudsman review and investigate this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anton Youngman'.

Anton Youngman  
**Acting Deputy Secretary, Policy and Planning**