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Dear Francis Cole

I refer to your email of 3 November 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information concerning the Prime Minister's flights to and from Laos in October 2024.

*...The List of passengers (passenger manifest) and crew on the RNZAF 757 flight on each leg there and back excluding security personnel.*

As noted in your request, the following information does not include security personnel. The Royal New Zealand Air Force Boeing 757 flight departed New Zealand on 9 October 2024 and arrived back in New Zealand on 12 October 2024. New Zealand Defence Force personnel onboard included: a pilot; mission commander; co-pilot; air load master; four flight stewards; three maintenance personnel; and, four air load team members.

The flight departing New Zealand carried: the Prime Minister; nine officials; and, eight journalists. The return flight to New Zealand carried: the Prime Minister; eleven officials; and, eight journalists.

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Please note that responses to official information requests are proactively released where possible. This response to your request will be published shortly on the NZDF website.

Yours sincerely

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