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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your email of 27 February 2025 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information concerning the links between NZDF and Peter Thiel (and his company Palantir). A response to the various parts of your request are set out below.

1. *Did Peter Thiel have meetings with NZDF staff in the years 2012-2017, the years of his strongest business interest in New Zealand?*
2. *If so, please provide a list of the dates of all meetings where Thiel promoted Palantir to NZDF, and for each date the location and which NZDF staff were at the meeting.*

No meetings between the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) and Peter Thiel took place.

3. *Did Thiel (or his Palantir staff) offer to process NZDF internal data as a demonstration(s) of Palantir's capabilities? Thiel often did this. If so, what was the precise NZDF data provided to Thiel/Palantir for a trial of the Palantir capabilities? Please provide the size of the data in MB, the subject of the data, and the security classification of the data.*

No.

4. *If Thiel/Palantir did a demonstration(s) using NZDF data, was a report of the results (e.g. a powerpoint or document) provided showing the results of the Palantir analysis? If so, provide a copy(ies) (with redactions if necessary).*
5. *Were NZDF meetings organised for staff to see the Palantir results? If so, provide dates and locations.*
6. *Did NZDF pay any money to Palantir for these demonstrations and if so how much?*

As these questions are related to item 3 of your request, they are refused in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA as the requested information does not exist.

7. *Are there any contacts between NZDF and Palantir today, in 2025?*

Yes.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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