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Dear D Maclure

I refer to your email of 7 April 2021 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA),

regarding Ready Reaction Force has any contribution to any trouble spot in such short time frame? If so list of operational history would be useful.

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) does not have a Ready Reaction Force (RRF). However, in the 1980s and 1990s, some New Zealand and Australian Army units sometimes exercised together as an RRF.

In the early 2000s, a combined New Zealand/Australia RRF concept was tried, whereby units of both nations could be organised as an RRF, if required. However, this was not a standing or permanent NZDF organisation.

As the RRF did not exist as a specific unit, there are no operational records related to any deployment. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to ask an Ombudsman to review this response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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