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Dear James

I refer to your email of 11 October 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), the following information:

Country and rank/position of any foreign military/intelligence service personal on board the HMS Manawanui at the time the ship struck the reef.

Confirmation of any shipping containers on board, if so what was the contents?

Confirmation of any anchor drag, if so how long in terms of distance and time?

A large amount of information concerning HMNZS Manawanui has been proactively released on the NZDF website¹.

A Court of Inquiry has been convened to investigate the circumstances surrounding the sinking of HMNZS Manawanui. Information is therefore withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the OIA to protect the public interest in the effective conduct of the Court of Inquiry. The New Zealand Defence Force intends to make the report of the Court of Inquiry publicly available once complete.

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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¹ <https://nzdf.mil.nz/media-centre/story-collections/hmnzs-manawanui-in-samoa>