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Dear Spencer Jones

I refer to your refined request of 15 April 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), seeking the following email correspondence:

- *within a single calendar month: January 2024,*
- *containing the keyword: "Veterans' Advisory Board" OR "VAB",*
- *restricted to the following organisational units (if applicable):*
 - o *Veterans' Affairs New Zealand (VANZ)*
 - o *Secretariat of Veterans' Boards*

Limiting a search to an organisational unit is not possible. The enclosed correspondence is the result of a search of all New Zealand Defence Force email traffic that included the specified keywords within the month of January 2024.

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Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:

1. Correspondence