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I refer to your email of 15 April 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*"I am seeking all relevant material on protests relating to the Australia, United Kingdom and United States (AUKUS) arrangement.*

*This would include any:*

- 1. Any documents or information relating to the meeting between the Minister of Defence and US Honeywell International in February 2024 which relate to AUKUS*
- 2. Any documents or information relating to the meeting between the Minister of Space and Rocket Lab in February 2024 which relate to AUKUS*
- 3. Any documents or information relating to the meeting between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the United States Secretary of State in April 2024*
- 4. Any documents or information relating to New Zealand's new defence capability plan due to be released late 2024"*

I understand that you have sent requests separately to the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet separately transferred their request to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Defence, and the Minister for Space.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) will respond to part three of your request on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

We have interpreted your request to be for material on protests relating to the said meeting between the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the United States Secretary of State in April 2024.

Your request is refused in full under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information

removed) may be published on the MFAT website: [www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/](http://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: [DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz](mailto:DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett  
for Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade