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Our ref: **F0000581**

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Dear Mr Angel,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000: Request for Information F0000581**

I write in response to your recent request for information regarding the cargo of the SS Richard Montgomery.

You have asked whether the vessel was carrying chemical or biological weapons or their component parts when it sank in the Thames Estuary in 1944. As you have pointed out in your email, the cargo manifest does not list any such material and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency does not hold any information which is inconsistent with this.

If you have not already done so, I would recommend that you visit the Maritime and Coastguard Agency website, where you will find some background information on the SS Richard Montgomery and copies of survey reports ([www.mcga.gov.uk/row](http://www.mcga.gov.uk/row)).

If you have a complaint or wish to appeal regarding your request for information please contact: The FOIA Unit, Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Bay 3/3, Spring Place, 105, Commercial Rd, Southampton, Hampshire, SO15 1EG. Or telephone the FOIA Unit on 023 80329282/287/373. Please quote reference **F0000581**.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Maritime Operations



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