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Dear Pat

Request for Information –Release of Information

Thank you for your request for information received 21 November 2008 concerning ships sunk from acts of war, as targets or used as artificial reefs. Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am able to list those Royal Navy ships sunk because of enemy action in the last 35 years. These were entirely from the Falklands Campaign: the destroyers SHEFFIELD and COVENTRY; the frigates ANTELOPE and ARDENT; the landing ship SIR GALAHAD; and also the merchant vessel taken up from trade to serve in the campaign - the ATLANTIC CONVEYOR.

Unfortunately the searches we have made have not recovered any records of HM Ships that may have been sunk as targets, or used as artificial reefs.

If you are unhappy with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail xxxxxxx@xxx.xx). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk> .

Yours Sincerely,

Mike Demetriou

The Constitution Unit, a research body at University College London, is carrying out an independent evaluative study of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in co-operation with a number of public authorities, including the Ministry of Defence. An important part of the evaluation process is gathering the experiences and opinions of FOI requesters like you. Any information you provide will only be seen by the Constitution Unit and will be handled in accordance with its privacy policy explained in the survey. The Ministry of Defence will only see the published results: no individual responses will be visible to us and your participation will have no effect on your future dealings with the Ministry.

If you would like to take part in this study, please visit the following link to be taken directly to the survey: <http://tinyurl.com/6prff8>. Or, if you prefer, contact Ben Worthy at x.xxxxxx@xxx.xx.xx or on 020 7679 4974 to ask more about the study.

Request for Information

Please name HM Ships sunk in the last 35 years either as a target, act of war, or for use as an artificial reef?

If sunk as a target please indicate weapon used to sink ship?