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Dear Mr Butcher,

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to my letter of 27 May 2009, in response to your Freedom of Information (FOI) request asking for details of the American use of hydrodynamics facilities at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston since 1992, I am writing to update you on the progress of your request.

We are still processing your request and are not yet in a position to respond. I am sorry for the delay and will endeavour to send you either a final response or an update as soon as possible and no later than 16 September 2009. If you do not receive this or further information by then please contact me and I will investigate the matter.

If you are not satisfied 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 Head of Corporate Information, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). 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 dissatisfied 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 your case until the MOD 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.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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