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Dear Mr Mantle,

Thank you for your emails of 22nd January 2018 requesting the following:

"Please could you provide me with a list of all Decommissioned Air Bases that you are aware of in the UK. Could you limit this to those that were decommissioned from 01/01/1940."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. However, this information is exempt under *Section 21* of the Act (Information Reasonably Accessible by Other means).

The *Location of Units in the Royal Air Force* and the *Secret Organisation Memoranda* are available in the AIR 23 and AIR10 series respectively at The National Archives (TNA). Both publications are also held at the RAF Museum.

For information about opening times of TNA you should consult their website at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk. Their Catalogue of holdings is also accessible through this website. The address of TNA is as follows:

The National Archives
Ruskin Avenue
Kew
Richmond
Surrey
TW9 4DU
Tel: 020 8876 3444

It is also possible to employ private researchers who can undertake the work. A list of these researchers is available on the TNA website by following the link through Records on request from the Search Department. Fees will be charged by researchers.

You can contact the RAF Museum Department of Research and Information Services on research@rafmuseum.org or 020 8358 4873.

Under *Section 16* of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the *Action Stations* series of books cover the airfields of the UK by region. You may also wish to contact the Airfield Research Group (www.airfieldresearchgroup.org.uk).

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 Information Rights Compliance team, Ground 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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