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Dear Mr Johnson,

Thank you for your email, dated 02 December 2019, requesting the following information:

- 1. Please could you supply me any Air Publications regarding the "Weapons Ground Support Equipment" for loading and unloading of Tornado - Sidewinder missiles, Sky Flash Missiles and 27mm Mauser cannon ammunition box. Tornado F3 aircraft.*
- 2. If you could also please send me any full Air Publications regarding the "Weapons Ground Support Equipment" for Loading/unloading Sidewinder missiles and SUU 23A gun on the Phantom Aircraft the RAF had, that would be much appreciated.*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I am writing to confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds some information on the subject you have requested.

The Air Publications (APs) for your first question can be found attached with this letter. Please note, the MOD no longer holds the AP for the Hoist Brace (AP Reference: MAGERD 1319 - 903D867) which was also used as ground support equipment on the Tornado aircraft.

With regards to your second question, on the Phantom aircraft, the MOD does not hold any information.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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