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Dear Mr Carroll,

Thank you for your e-mail of 26 March in which you asked for information about SIP BO76 grenades (AW Bombs). You specifically asked;

Can you confirm if you still hold any publications concerning these second world war artefacts issued to the Home Guard? Can you give a list of such publications that you hold in order for me to assess which of these may be most relevant to my research.

The Ministry of Defence does hold some information dating back to this time its archives. Regrettably there is no computerised record of exactly what is held, so in order to identify whether or not the information you have asked for is there would require a manual search of many hundreds of boxes – possibly more. To undertake this task would breach the appropriate cost limit which is specified in regulations and for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under the terms of Section 12 of the FOI Act, this means that we are not obliged to comply with your request.

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, 2nd 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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