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Dear Ms Davis,

Thank you for your email of 20 October in which you requested the following information:

"A MOD Press release mentions that Major-General David Eastman, Commander Regional Command is also 'Commander Standing Joint Command (UK)' see
<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fnews%2Fraf-completes-covid-support-task-at-kinloss&data=04%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7Ca335134eee4e400cc1e508d87506fb84%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637388020150546744%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTi6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=6Pu9LW6lu4qb%2Fc1eJKZtam6%2FjUQtPdoEABJ5qEUJWnE%3D&reserved=0>

1) Is this correct as previously mentioned, Commander Home Command was mentioned as 'Standing Joint Commander (UK)' in a Medium MOD post see
<https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmedium.com%2F40DefenceHQ%2Fheadquarters-standing-joint-command-hq-sjc-coordinating-the-military-contribution-to-the-uks-99b447414235&data=04%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7Ca335134eee4e400cc1e508d87506fb84%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637388020150556735%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTi6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=oZzMRA0WrnstJcd2Un5McI5ySqJJPfIREdZFUkv9%2FtI%3D&reserved=0>

2) What date did Commander Home Command transfer the role of Commander Standing Joint Command (UK) to Commander Regional Command?

Brigadier Leigh Tingey was mentioned to be appointed in a role under the Field Army see
https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.army.mil%2Farticle%2F237640%2F1st_armored_division_bids_farewell_to_british_deputy_commanding_general&data=04%7C01%7Ccio-foi%40mod.gov.uk%7Ca335134eee4e400cc1e508d87506fb84%7Cbe7760ed5953484bae95d0a16dfa09e5%7C0%7C1%7C637388020150556735%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTi6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C2000&sdata=srBY25ZlcMY14QzBGHANW4fxCxpZPp1ucTAvfMf7%2BGA%3D&reserved=0 but his LinkedIn account states he is 'Chief of Staff, Standing Joint Command'

3) What appointment does Brigadier Alexander Potts, previous Chief of Staff Regional Command and Standing Joint Command UK now hold?"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held and is set out below.

In response to the first question, Maj Gen Eastman was the SJC(UK) from 25 May – 7 Sep 20.

In response to the second question, please note that up until that point Lt Gen Urch was the Commander (Maj Gen Eastman – Deputy) and he resumed the role of Commander after the 7 Sep 20. Brig Leigh Tingey is currently the COS HQ SJC(UK).

In response to the third question, Brig Alex Potts is still the COS of HQ Regional Command until Aug 21.

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Yours sincerely,

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