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Dear Mr Mumford,

Thank you for your email of 22 January 2023 requesting the following information:

"I wish to make this request in correspondence with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following documents numbered; AC 72158, AC 72147, AC 72195, AC 71807-C, AC 72162, AC 71966, AC 72149, AC 71849, AC 72154, AC 72145, AC 14233 CFSO 4710"

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

I must advise that your request falls within scope of the exemption provided for under Section 14 (1) of the FOIA (Vexatious requests). Under Section 14, the MOD is not obliged to comply with a request that is deemed to be burdensome.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, you may wish to note that MOD may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you were to substantially reduce the number of documents requested, thereby reducing the burden of compliance on the Department. If and how you refine your request is up to you, however, please note that any refined request does not guarantee it can be answered and may still be subject to exemptions under the FOIA.

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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.gov.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 normally 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,

Defence People Secretariat