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Dear Mr Morgan

Thank you for your email of 13 November requesting the following information:

*“Could you please let me know how many Ministerial files have been destroyed under the 20 or 30 year rule instead of being released to the National Archives for the years 2016 and 2017 by the MOD Review Team.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have interpreted your question as applying to files with the prefix “MO” with, for 2016, a first enclosure date of between 1 Jan 1989 and 31 Dec 1990 and, for 2017, a first enclosure date of between 1 Jan 1991 and 31 Dec 1992.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the number of these files being destroyed rather than selected for permanent preservation and transferred to The National Archives is for 2016 – 0 and for 2017 – 3

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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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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