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Dear Alex Beard

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

Thank you for your email of 4 November 2019, in which you requested the following information:

In publicly available records the MOD is recorded as acquiring 'single use military equipment asset under construction - capital in year addition,' for £27,488,888.83. This was from BAE SYSTEMS SURFACE SHIPS LIMITED, with a payment date of 23/08/2019 and a transaction number of 424563.

I would like to request copies of briefing documents, agendas and any other material that was prepared ahead of the most recent meeting between MOD representatives and the company.

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

The MOD requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. Can you please confirm that you intend that the information you have requested at paragraph 2 of your request should be related to the payment you have identified to BAE Systems.

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again, and it would be helpful if you can quote our reference number in any future communications.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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