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Dear Mr Taylor,

Release of Information

Further to our letter of 20 October 2017 I am writing to inform you that the Department is still not in a position to provide you with a substantive reply to your request for the following information:

'Please provide a copy of any complaints made by the Royal Navy since 1 June 2017 to The Times newspaper.'

I am sorry that it is taking longer than originally hoped to conclude matters regarding your request and I can only ask for your understanding for the delay. I will contact you again once the decision has been made, or by 27 December 2017 if the process of consideration has not been completed.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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