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Dear Mr Mitchell,

Thank you for your e-mail to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) dated 3 November 2016 in which you requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with electronic copies (in Abode Acrobat/.pdf format) of the following Defence Council Instructions (DCI) describing the qualifying criteria for a clasp awarded with the General Service Medal (GSM) 1962.

GSM 1962 Clasp 'Air Operations Iraq':

- DCI General 332 of 1999
- DCI Royal Navy 161 of 1999
- DCI Royal Navy 160 of 2000

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A review of our data holdings has been completed, and I can confirm that the MOD does hold some information within the scope of your request; this is provided in the attached documents.

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). 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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