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Dear Mr Raffal

Thank you for your email of 9th January 2015 requesting the following information:

"In the document provided for 6 June 1996 references are made to the following: 1) reference is made to 2nd PUS/10/5 of 8 May [presumably 1996] 2) reference is made to a D/infod [DINFOD?] provided by the head of media planning but authored by DPISG 3) reference is made to a technical statement drafted by DGICS staff and planned to appear as a DCI and guidance document. These documents seem to fall within the scope of my request, indeed they seem crucial to understanding the context of the 6 June document, and I would be most grateful if you could provide them.

In the document 13 June 96 the title 'MOD use of the Internet is hand annotated and circled. The annotation reads 'new file'. Was a new file created and is that file available? I appreciate that providing the content of the file may be in excess of the cost limit but if it possible to provide please can you do so. If it is not possible to provide this file can you inform me as to the number of documents in it and their general scope."

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence. I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held and this information can be found enclosed. Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40 (Personal Data) and has therefore been redacted.

The DCI (Defence Council Instruction) Use of the Internet was introduced in 1999; a copy is enclosed. Within this DCI, reference is made to two preceding DCIs published in 1996 and 1997 respectively; copies of which are also enclosed.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that a search was carried out for the document '2nd PUS/10/5' from 8 May 1996' and for documents relating to the DPISG (Defence in the Public Eye Steering Group), but no such documents were found.

In relation to the annotation in the document '13_June_1996' you asked whether a new file was created. We believe that the annotation 'new file' refers to the file, entitled 'Internet', in which this and the other documents sent to you in your previous FOI request (FOI2014/07790) were found. Upon examining the documents in this file all those which related to the MOD website were sent to you.

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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