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Dear Mr Peterson,

Thank you for your email received on 19 July 2020 requesting the following information:

"Please provide me with a copy of MoD's most recent policy on information on nuclear matters.

Please include a copy of MoD's guidelines on responding to Freedom of Information Act requests for information on nuclear matters, including 'lines to take'."

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

The Ministry of Defence requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request and provide you with a response.

Where you have asked for "the most recent policy on information on nuclear matters", it is not entirely clear to us whether you are seeking information on the policy of nuclear deterrence or information on the policy for the management and handling of nuclear deterrence related information.

Once you have clarified your request by responding to us on this point, we will be happy to consider it again.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on their website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat