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Dear Richard

Thank you for your email of 20 April 2016 requesting the following information:

I would would like to request a copy of the initial submission removing all officials details. If this falls outside of the FOI request under Section 35/36 I would like to know who the submission was submitted to within Government and what section within Air Command submitted the Ministerial Submission.

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

Guidance produced by the Information Commissioner's office (ICO) states that, for a request to be valid, 'the requester must provide enough of their name to give anyone reading that request a reasonable indication of their identity'. A first name or surname alone is not sufficient to meet this requirement. Therefore, under Section 8(1)(b) of the FOIA, your request is considered invalid as the name you have registered on whatdotheyknow.com (Richard) is not your full name. More information on how to submit a valid request can be found in the ICO's guidance at the link below:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1164/recognising-a-request-made-under-the-foia.pdf>

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, 2nd 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.

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 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 the Commissioner's website,
<http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

[Original signed]

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