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Dear Mr Douglas

Thank you for your initial email of 4 July which you clarified on 15 July, in which you asked for the following documents:

- Army Field Manual War Fighting Tactics Part 5a: Armoured and Armoured Infantry Sub Unit Tactics
- Health Service Support to Land Operations Handbook

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

This letter is to inform you that the MOD holds information related to your request, but that we consider that some may fall within the scope of the following qualified exemption: Section 26 (Defence). As such it may be necessary for us to decide whether, in the circumstances of this case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The Freedom of Information Act requires us to respond to requests promptly, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test has to be conducted, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days. A full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case and, in relation to your request, we estimate that it will take an additional 20 working days to take a final decision on where the balance of public interest lies. We therefore plan to let you have a response by 11 Sep. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will let you know.

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