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Ref: FOI2019/13769

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Dear Dr Briant,

1. Thank you for your email of 27 December 2019 requesting the following information:

“Please could I see all correspondence related to your consideration of your decision regarding request FOI2019/09668 and could you let me know who was consulted regarding the request please?”

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

3. However, we are considering the following qualified exemptions Section 26 (Defence) and Section 27 (International Relations).

4. 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 endeavour to let you have a response by the 25 February 2020. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will let you know.

5. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. 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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

6. If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly 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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,

Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

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