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Dear Mr Hawkes,

Thank you for your email of 23 December 2019 in which you asked for the following information:

"I am enquiring regards any information you hold in relation to Land Rover chassis number 95101571A (also known as 951-01571-A).

I have been advised by the British Motor Museum that this is a vehicle dispatched on 28 June 1973 to the central army vehicle depot, Hilton, Derbyshire. The date of build is 20 June 1973.

The model is a Land Rover series iii 88" half ton (lightweight)"

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

The Ministry of Defence requires further information to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. If you were able to provide either the Equipment Registration Mark (ERM) or NATO Stock Number (NSN) of your vehicle then I should be able to perform a search of our records. Once you have clarified your request, I would be pleased to consider it again. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to note that the MERLIN database has been released as part of an FOI request, and can be accessed at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing09-july-2018

The database in the above link is split into seven spreadsheets. The first has a list of vehicles, while sheets two through seven have their service histories. To search for a vehicle this can be done by pressing Ctrl + F, then typing the military vehicle registration number, and then enter.

Furthermore, you may wish to note that when the MERLIN database was archived into its current format some data may have been lost or corrupted. You should, therefore, be cautious that some of the data may be inaccurate.

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). 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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