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Dear Sir/Madam,

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 April 2023 in which you requested the following information:

'Alternatively, may you provide the access agreement signed by the production team for access to the HMS Dragon. Also, any other related documents that do not fall under section 43'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Following our enquiries, it has become apparent that the Ministry of Defence requires further detail from you to assist us in processing your request. Can you please provide an explanation on what you mean by 'access agreement'? Also, can you please provide further detail on what you mean in respect of 'other related documents'? The additional detail will enable us to conduct searches for any recorded information held in all relevant areas of the Department and ensure your request is not misinterpreted.

Under section.1(3) of the Act, a Public Authority may refuse to respond to an FOI request where it requires further information in order to identify and locate the

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information requested. It will be necessary to close your enquiry under this reference number until we have received clarification as detailed above. Once the further information is received this will constitute as a new request of which there will be a new 20 working day period to respond.

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.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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