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Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

Dear Mr Whyte

Thank you for your email of 8 January 2016 requesting the following information:

*'The Involvement of the Royal New Zealand Navy in the British Nuclear testing programmes of 1957 and 1958'*

*On page 23 of the above publication, the last paragraph reads:*

*" Apparently before each nuclear test the crewmen were issued with a new film badge and after the test they would be collected and sent for processing on HMS NARVIK. However, during Operation Grapple most film badges including those from the New Zealand frigates were not processed, principally because of problems with storing the chemicals needed for processing."*

*Can you please supply me with copies of letters from HMS NARVIK stating this fact?*

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

We informed you on, 24 February 2011, that further requests on the topic of film badges during the British nuclear tests would be considered vexatious. This decision stands and your request is therefore deemed vexatious under Section 14 of the Act. The department will not reply to further FOI correspondence from you on this subject.

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, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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.

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Yours sincerely,

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