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Dear G Kanter-Webber,

Thank you for your email of 21 April 2021 requesting the following information:

'Please provide an electronic copy of the current UK Special Forces Confidentiality Contract.'

We are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that the information in scope of your request is held.

However, all the information requested falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at Section 23(1) (Informational supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters) and has therefore been withheld. A Public Interest Test has not been conducted for the information that falls under Section 23(1) as this is an absolute exemption.

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

Should 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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