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Dear Mr Rutherford,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 9 August.

I should explain that Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made and does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds no recorded information that would provide an answer to the additional questions you have asked in your email of 9 August.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), it is the duty of a public authority to provide assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect, to persons who propose to make, or have made requests for information. As I have previously explained, bases are made available to the US Visiting Forces under the terms of the NATO Status of Forces Agreement of 1951. There are no leasing arrangements and no Notice to Quit terms in relation to the use of the bases.

If you are not satisfied with this response then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [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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