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Dear Mr Smith,

Thank you for your email of 9 August 2021 requesting the following information:

I would like to request FOI copy of the following documents:

- "A)Wargaming in Defence: A Think Piece for VCDS, February 2017, DSTL/WP100280
- B) Modern Deterrence Wargame 2017: Methodology and Observations, Insights and Lessons, May 2018, DSTL/TR108781
- C) Developing an Analytical Strategic Gaming Method for Understanding Deterrence, September 2019, Dstl/TR116738"

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 information, in scope of your request is held.

We are currently reviewing your request in accordance with the following FOI exemptions Section 26 (Defence) and 27 International Relations.

The FOI exemptions cited are qualified exemptions and we are in the process of conducting a Public Interest Test (PIT). This means that the information can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

We shall write to you within the next 20 working days, no later than the 4 October 2021, with the outcome of the PIT.

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

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Yours sincerely

Dstl Secretariat