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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 3 June clarifying your request for:

Statistical data for Iraqi cadets who trained in Britain...at all military education establishments...a decade by decade accounting for how many Iraqis trained in Britain from the foundation of the Iraqi Army in January 1921 until the outbreak of war with Iran in 1980. Statistical data for how many Iraqis trained in Britain between 1980 and 1988...the distribution of cadets between each academy, for instance how many went to Woolwich and how many studied at Sandhurst within each decade. The decades are as follows:

1. 1921-1930
2. 1930-1940
3. 1940-1950
4. 1950-1960
5. 1960-1970
6. 1970-1980
7. 1980-1988

How many Iraqi officers attended staff officer training in the UK between 1970-1980, if any.

I am 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 and is provided below:

Number of Iraqi cadets trained in Britain between 1921 and 1988, shown by Academy					
	1921-1950	1950-1960	1960-1970	1970-1980	1980-1988
Royal Military Academy Woolwich	0	0	0	0	0
Royal Military College Sandhurst	0	0	0	0	0
Royal Military Academy Sandhurst	0	25	19	29	28
Mons Officer Cadet School	0	0	11	5	0

Five Iraqi officers attended staff officer training in the UK between 1970 and 1980.

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Yours sincerely,

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