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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – INFORMATION RELATING TO CLOCKWORK ORANGE

I can confirm that your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000), and the process is now complete.

You asked for the following:

"I am looking for a copy "Clockwork Orange" that Mt Archie Hamilton refers to during is time at the MOD on 15th January 1990, concerning allegations made by the former Army Pres Officer, Colln Wallace concerning the project, CLOCKWORK ORANGE when he was based in Northern Ireland during 1975.

I can confirm that the MOD does hold the information that you have requested however the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 (Information accessible to the applicant by other means). We are not required to release information if it is reasonably accessible to you in another way. Some of the information that falls within the scope of your request is published via the Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry website and can be viewed at the following link:
<https://www.hiainquiry.org/sites/hiainquiry/files/media-files/MOD-Material-Part-2-Pages-141-to-221-RO.pdf>.

The document can be located under the following heading File SEC(HSF) Branch papers Wallace Investigation Calcutt Enquiry Paper Box 1 KIN-190190 – KIN 190208.

I have enclosed a copy of the letter that we believe Mr Hamilton made reference to, however, I can confirm we do not hold the enclosure mentioned in the letter

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

If 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.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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From Lieutenant General
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Dear Sir

Discreetly - 5/14/75

We met last month to discuss the Wallace-Fisk saga. For my part I promised to carry out an investigation with particular reference to the question of discretion and of possible embarrassment that might arise from a disclosure of Wallace's activities. This has taken longer than I had hoped but the investigation has been thorough and wide-ranging. The report is enclosed. No copy has gone to the Army Department but one will be sent today to Mr Sheldon. The third remains at my Headquarters.

attached

My original view on the issues involved remains unchanged, that is, on purely moral grounds there is a strong case for prosecution. Moreover I feel that in general terms we could probably absorb the political and press criticisms which disclosures in the course of legal proceedings might entail. The real crux of the matter however turns on the question of discretion. It is outside my terms of reference to attempt a legal appraisal of the evidence on this point but it is nevertheless apparent that this is a question in which Wallace's probable reactions must also be taken into account. Thus, although a successful prosecution would no doubt go some way towards discrediting him an acquittal might undoubtedly encourage him to exploit the situation. In this context paragraph 37 of the report is an important and relevant summary.

I hope that this is helpful. If you require further information be sure to let me know.

My best regards.

*Yours
Frank*

