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Dear

I wrote to you on 7 August 2019 about your request for copies of documents relating to the Shoracre Radio System, which is being handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. You asked:

Information Requested:

Item 1. AESP-5820-F-300 Sections 101, 302 and 711. Item 2. Complete Equipment Schedule (CES) 44969 Radio Station UK/PSC-540. Item 3. Complete Equipment Schedule (CES) 44968 Vehicle Installation Kit

The above three items all relate to the Shoracre Radio System UK/PSC-540

I advised that a search of Ministry of Defence (MOD) records found three documents within the scope of your request; AESP 5820-F-300 Sections 101, 302 and 711. However, it was necessary to undertake a Public Interest Test (PIT) to determine if they contained information that falls within the scope of qualified exemptions of the FOI Act; including Section 26(1)(a) and (b) (Defence).

That work has concluded that the information can be published, and I am pleased to enclose copies with this letter.

You will find a total of five attachments. These are AESP 5820-F-300-102, AESP 5820-F-300-302; and AESP 5820-F-300-711, which I have split into three parts (labelled Parts 1, 2 and 3), to make the document easier to email to you.

I have, however, redacted the names of people from the documents in accordance with exemption Section 40 of the FOI Act, which allows personal information to be withheld. As Section 40 is an absolute exemption, there was no requirement to undertake a PIT.

If you are not satisfied or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact us in the first instance at the address above. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, Defence Equipment & Support

SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, http://www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

