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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 12 June 2017 May requesting the following information:

Please provide me with a monthly breakdown of the number of UK personnel embedded in the US 432nd wing based at Creech between 1 August 2016 and 31 December 2016. Please also provide me with the number of UK personnel embedded in US units operating in "Operation Odyssey Lightning".

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The UK Reaper Force had two personnel embedded in the USAF 432nd Wing in an instructional role with 11th Reconnaissance Squadron between 1 August 2016 and 31 December 2016. Neither of these personnel participated in Operation Oddysey Lightning.


Six Royal Navy personnel were embedded onboard the USS WASP as flight deck handlers between August and September 2016 while the ship was supporting Operation Oddysey Lightning.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. 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, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, 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.

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Yours sincerely

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