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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 April 2011 requesting details of meetings between senior officials of the Ministry of Defence and Sir Roger Wheeler of Thales UK Air Defence between 1 January 2009 and the present day. This is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In accordance with your request, diary searches have been made at the offices of the Permanent Secretary (PUS); Chief of the Defence Staff; Vice Chief of the Defence Staff/2nd PUS; and the Chief of Defence Materiel. The results of the searches showed that only the Chief of Defence Materiel met with Sir Roger Wheeler during the period requested. This meeting was a private dinner between Sir Kevin O'Donoghue and Sir Roger Wheeler at the Army and Navy Club at 7 pm on 4 March 2009. There was no briefing requirement for the meeting and no notes were taken during the dinner.

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 Head of Corporate Information, 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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