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Dear [REDACTED]

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Further to my letter of 1 December 2014, I am writing to give you a response to your request.

As you are aware, your correspondence has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. You asked for the following information about the Royal Navy's Resolution class SSBNs:

*... I am simply after external hull details such as deck plates, hatches and hull fittings. I am principally after obtaining dry dock photo's that show hull detail beneath the waterline. ... Is it possible that you could release photo's or direct me to where I could find some pictures of this detail.*

In my letter of 1 December 2014, I informed you that we were conducting a public interest test to consider whether the information you requested can be released. I can now confirm that the information you requested is considered not to be subject to Section 24 (National Security) or Section 26 (Defence) of the FOI Act. I therefore enclose eight photographs.

Relating only to the formal response of the eight attached photographs, 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 Team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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 investigate the case until the 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.gov.uk>

Outside our duties under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act, we would like to suggest some other sources of information that you may find useful, as follows:

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- Unless they have been retained for national security reasons, historical MOD files are sent to The National Archives, from where they can be accessed by the public. It is possible that some files include information relating to the Resolution class, although we are unable to verify this. Further information can be found here [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk)
- The British Pathe Archive has some information about the Launch of HMS Resolution at Barrow, with some hull fittings visible, as is another boat partially built on the slipway; more details can be found here: <http://www.britishpathe.com/video/first-all-british-a-sub/query/hms+resolution+launch>

Yours sincerely,

