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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 1 April 2014, which requested the following information:

*Re. AWE Local Liaison Committee meeting (76), on 26 March 2014.  
(Noted in minutes of meeting 75)*

*Please supply full copies of all presentations given at meeting on 26 March 2014.*

Please accept my apologies for the delay in response. I am treating your email as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that we hold information relevant to your request.

The information you have requested can be found enclosed. Some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data) and qualified exemptions provided for at Sections 24 (National Security) and 26 (Defence) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some photographs of individuals on slides 20, 49 and 53 in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Sections 24 and 26 are qualified exemptions and are subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 24(2) and Section 26(1)(b) have been applied to some of the information on slide 39 because it contains details of building dimensions which would be likely to prejudice national security and the capability and effectiveness of our Armed Forces. The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information given that, overall, the public interest is best served in not releasing any details that would prejudice the safety and security of nuclear weapons facilities. I have set the level of prejudice against release of the exempted information at "would be likely to".

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

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contacting the Information Rights Compliance 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 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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.