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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your communication of 16 September 2015 requesting the following information:

Please provide a copy of the Naval Service Internal Review Op Telemeter.

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the Department holds the information within the scope of your request. The copy of the Naval service Review into Op Telemeter has been withheld under section 26(1)(b)(Information likely to prejudice the Defence of the British Isles or any colony) of the Act.

As the exemption under section 26 is a qualified exemption, the Department has considered the balance of the public interest in disclosing and withholding this information. Release of this report would expose the locations and responsibilities of our tactical commanders; the force structure; routines in combat situations and the rules of engagement. This could potentially reveal weaknesses that could be exploited by adversaries and put at risk the capability and effectiveness of our RM forces.

Under exemption s16(Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance) I can provide you with the link to the House of Commons Debate held on 16 September 2015:

[http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm150916/hallt
ext/15_0916h0001.htm#15091640000001](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201516/cmhansrd/cm150916/hallt
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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/operation-telemeter-internal-review>

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Yours sincerely

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