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Dear [REDACTED],

Your correspondence dated 29 July has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

- *Are there currently or have there been any UK personnel embedded with foreign forces at Ramstein air base?*
- *The timeframe for this request is January 2012 to the present. Please break down the information to show the number of UK personnel embedded in each country's forces at Ramstein for each month since January 2012.*
- *Please also state what role these UK personnel occupied and in what capacity they were serving while embedded in each case?*

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is held by the Ministry of Defence.

The MOD did not have embedded personnel at Ramstein air base over the time period specified. Embedded personnel operate as if they were the host nation's personnel, under that nation's chain of command, but remain subject to UK domestic, international and host nation law. Ministerial approval is required for UK embeds to deploy with allied forces in operations. However, while embedded, UK personnel may travel to other countries, for example to undertake training, and the MOD does not record such detail.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

**Air Command Secretariat**