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Dear

Thank you for your email of 30 March 2015 which requested the following information:

'How many UK personnel are based at Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti; what is the purpose of their deployment; and under whose line of command do these personnel fall?'

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested is as follows: three UK personnel are based at Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti. These personnel are deployed to the United States' Africa Command's Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, which supports the efforts of countries in the region, including Ethiopia, Kenya, Djibouti, Burundi, Somalia and Uganda, to counter the activities of violent extremist organizations throughout East Africa. The UK personnel deployed to the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa work in support of this mission. While UK personnel remain under the operational command of the UK's Chief of Joint Operations throughout their deployment; their day to day tasking is via the US Chain of Command in the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

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Yours sincerely

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