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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 6 July 2015 requesting the following information:

*“Since the inception of the Porton Down Military Lands, will you please provide information on:*

- 1) The use of any conventional and non-conventional munitions in the area bounded by Manor Farm Road, Blackbarn Road and Winterslow Road, Porton Down.*
- 2) Records of any EOC tasks that have taken place in the same area.”*

We are treating your correspondence 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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to know that when Porton Down was established in 1916 the area of land mentioned in your request was farmland and it has never been used as experimental land. Today, the land remains fallow (not in arable production). You can read more details about the history of Porton Down in 'Chemical And Biological Defence at Porton Down 1916 -2000', by G B Carter (ISBN: 0-11-772933-7).

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you may apply for an independent internal review by 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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