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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 18 August 2015 requesting the following information:

"Radiological Safety Regulations for Operation Grapple lists 3 areas of risk Blue Red and Yellow.

Protective Clothing needed to have been worn when entering these areas.... White with Red Epaulettes.

Eye witnesses report only ever seeing AWRE staff and civilian others wearing such Protective Clothing.

It follows that Armed Forces Personnel never entered such dangerous Areas, or they were not issued with Protective Clothing.

Health Physics/Advisers/Representatives and Health Control Officers through Trials HQ were responsible for keeping Logs.

Please let me have sight of these logs detailing entry in to Areas Blue Red or Yellow listing those Military Personnel (if any) who entered those Areas . Names are not necessary just Service and Rank/Rating"

I am 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 I can confirm that the information you request is not held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to note that we do hold extensive dose record sheets for the Grapple trials but these were designed to record the dose individuals received. While in a very few instances these records may include notes of the locations visited, they do not constitute a log detailing entry into Areas Blue Red or Yellow.

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 contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st

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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 faithfully

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