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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 17 August 2015 requesting the following information:

The 'Get Surrey' news website has recently covered a story about the theft of two computers from the Atomic Weapons Establishment Aldermaston (online at <http://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/guildford-man-pleads-guilty-theft-9808101>)

I should be grateful if you would provide me with the following information about this incident:

- Does it qualify as a security incident which must be reported to an internal MoD regulator or security team? If so, to which team should it have been reported?
- Was the incident reported by AWE to MoD or any other regulator?
- What action, if any, did MoD take or require AWE to take as a result of the incident?

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 information in scope of your request is held. The information you have requested follows.

MOD mandates that it is immediately notified of any potential security incidents. The incident in question was reported to MOD by AWE. All potential security incidents are reviewed as an opportunity to learn lessons and improve. In this case, both the security and commercial arrangements AWE had with their subcontractor were scrutinised by AWE. Some improvements were identified, relating in particular to the interface between AWE and their contractor. MOD were informed throughout.

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, 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

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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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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