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Dear [REDACTED]

### Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21 January 2017 in which you requested the following information:

Are Commonwealth warships foreign? United States ones?  
What determines your description "foreign"?

Which you provided as your response to our request for clarification of your original request

*In reply to a recent request you stated:-*

*To monitor the activity and progress of a group of foreign warships as they transited through waters adjacent to the UK and our Western European NATO allies.  
Can you please advise how a warship becomes "foreign"?*

Your enquiry is considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In response to your new request, I can inform you that a foreign warship is one which is not a United Kingdom warship. On this basis warships from the Commonwealth and the United States of America, are foreign warships.

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, Ground Floor, Zone D, 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,

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section