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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 30 August requesting the following information:

“the location, present function and condition of a Cold War nuclear bunker on or near the UKHO site in Taunton ... I would like to gain access, if at all possible, in order to photograph and record the space for the historical record, and also for publication in my research project.”

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

Architectural plans were prepared in 1951 to create a large underground facility on UKHO site but there is no evidence that this was ever built. The following plans are held in the UKHO archive:

HO PLANS / 11 Date - 22/6/1951 Scale - 1/4' to 1'0"

Dyeline copy of proposed corridor between Edgell building and storage chambers in Creechbarrow Hill

HO PLANS / 12 Date - 28/6/1951 Scale - 11" to 4'

Dyeline copy of a plan method for proposed of storage chamber at Taunton

HO PLANS / 13 Date - 6/7/1951 Scale - 1/4' To 1' 0"

Dyeline copy of a drawing of Storage Chamber at Taunton

HO PLANS / 14 Date - 6/7/1951 Scale - 64' to 1"

Dyeline copy of a plan of H.O. showing actual as built buildings and proposed tunnels, Hydrographic Office, Taunton

HO PLANS / 15 Date - 24/7/1951 Scale - 1" to 16'

Dyeline copy of proposed tunnel development at Creechbarrow Hill

Information about how to visit the Archive and/ or request digital copies of the plans is available on our website via the following link [The UKHO Archive](#).

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 Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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.

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 sincerely,



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