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Via: [REDACTED]

FOI2016/03001

Date: 7 April 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

Your correspondence dated 8th March 2016 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I'd like to request the following 4 no items of documentation:

- 1. Trailer, Cargo, 3/4 Tonne, Wide Track, 2 Wheeled, FV 2381, Mk3. Illustrated Parts Catalogue Document reference: 2330-C-500-711. Issue date Dec 1997.*
- 2. Truck Utility Light (TUL) HS, Truck Utility Medium (TUM) HS, and (TUM) Ambulance HS, Defender XD - All Variants. Commercial Parts List. Document reference: 2320-D-128-721.*
- 3. Truck, Load Handling (DROPS) 15 Tonne, 8x6, LHD MMLC (Leyland Daf). Operating Information. Document reference: 2320-R-301-201. December 1989.*
- 4. Recovery Vehicle Wheeled (GS) 6x6, FODEN. Operating Information. Document reference: 2320-N-502-201. November 1990.*

A photo of the front pages of these documents is attached to this email.

A response via email, and an electronic copy would be preferred.

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 all the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested will be sent by post, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40 (Personal Data), and qualified exemption provided for at section 26 (Defence) of the FOIA and has been redacted.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is

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therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

Section 26 is a qualified exemption and subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 26(1)(b) has been applied to some of the information because it covers information that would prejudice or would be likely to prejudice the capability, effectiveness or security of any relevant force. The documents contain information which would allow for the formation of tactics by potential enemies of UK forces to be used against the vehicles taking advantage of limitations inherent in each of the different systems. The balance of public interest was found to be in favour of withholding the information given that, overall, the public interest is best served in not releasing information that could put the physical safety of UK troops at risk. It is for these reasons I have set the level of prejudice against release of the exempted information at the higher level of "would" rather than "would be likely to".

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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