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Reply to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 9 March 2016 in which you have requested the following information:

*"I am looking for the following documents:*

- 1. The Status of Forces Agreement between MODUK and the Australian Defence Force (ADF) regarding the command arrangements between the 3rd Royal Commando Brigade (U.K.) and the Australian Service Contingent for Op Haven. That is, were the Australian Contingent under tactical or operational control of the 3rd Royal Commando Brigade.*
- 2. Replies from Australia to MODUK regarding the acceptance or denial of the U.K. GSM, 1962 with clasp Northern Iraq / Southern Turkey."*

I am writing to confirm that we have treated your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request has been found.

There is no contemporary material relating to this FOI request and we do not have a copy of any 'Status of Forces Agreement between MODUK and the Australian Defence Force (ADF)' related to this request. However I found a reference to LHQ Op Order 4/91 in an FOI disclosure made by the Australian Government last year.

According to the magazine "Australian Peacekeeper", Land HQ Australia "tasked ASCH to be a part of the NATO Force and be under Tactical Control of the 3rd Brigade, Royal Marine Commando".

The Australian reference is:  
(Land Headquarters (LHQ) Operations Order (OPORD 4/91) dated 061053Z May 1991).

<http://www.peacekeepers.asn.au/mag/2015/Winter15.pdf>

Please see the link below, where the first document copied appears to be the OPORD 4/91 in the signal dated 061053Z May 1991:

[http://www.defence.gov.au/FOI/Docs/Disclosures/110\\_1415\\_Documents.pdf](http://www.defence.gov.au/FOI/Docs/Disclosures/110_1415_Documents.pdf)

The Schedule of Documents connected to this FOI indicates that the Australian Government released the signal in the link below, a result of the FOI:

[http://www.defence.gov.au/FOI/Docs/Disclosures/110\\_1415\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.defence.gov.au/FOI/Docs/Disclosures/110_1415_Schedule.pdf)

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [REDACTED]). 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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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