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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your three e-mails of 8 April 2014, requesting copies of the following reports:

Reader, D.C. Helicopter Ditchings, British Military Experience 1972 – 88. RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine Report No. 677. March 1990.

Vyrnwy-Jones, P. & Turner, J.M. (1988) A Review of RN Helicopter Accidents 1972-84. RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine Report No. 648.

An assessment of the immersion suits and lifejackets worn by survivors from the ditching of G-BDES on 10th November 1988. (Project 95/07). RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine Letter Report (013/89) 1989.

An assessment of the lifejacket worn by a survivor from the ditching of G-BGKJ on 25th April 1989. (Project 95/07). RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine Letter Report (036/89) 1989.

The serviceability of helicopter passenger immersion suits – a report following the ditching of G-BISO on 2nd May 1984, RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine; Allan, J.R., Anton, D.J. and Redman, P.R. Aircrew Equipment Group Report (508)

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have now completed a search for the information you requested and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested is enclosed, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemptions provided for at Section 40 (Personal Data) 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 therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information.

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Yours sincerely,

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