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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 15 April 2016 requesting the following information:

(i) How many citizens of the Republic of Cyprus were killed and by whom between the instigation of the coup on 15 July and the start of the first phase of the Turkish invasion on 20 July 1974? If a break down exists of the numbers of 'Greek Cypriots' and 'Turkish Cypriots' killed during this period, please also provide the salient details.

(ii) How many citizens of the Republic of Cyprus were killed and by whom between the start of the first phase of the invasion on 20 July and the cease-fire proclaimed on 22 July 1974? If a break down exists of the numbers of 'Greek Cypriots' and 'Turkish Cypriots' killed during this period, please also provide the salient details.

(iii) How many citizens of the Republic of Cyprus were killed in Cyprus and by whom between the cease-fire proclaimed on 22 July and the start of the second phase of the invasion on 14 August 1974? If a break down exists of the numbers of 'Greek Cypriots' and 'Turkish Cypriots' killed during this period, please also provide the salient details.

(iv) How many citizens of the Republic of Cyprus were killed in Cyprus and by whom between the start of the second phase of the invasion on 14 August and the ceasefire proclaimed on 16 August? If a break down exists of the numbers of 'Greek Cypriots' and 'Turkish Cypriots' killed during this period, please also provide the salient details.

(v) How many citizens of the Republic of Cyprus died after the cease-fire proclaimed on 16 August 1974 but as a consequence of being wounded or otherwise injured (a) between the instigation of the coup on 15 July and the start of the first phase of the Turkish invasion on 20 July 1974 and (b) between the start of the first phase of the Turkish invasion on 20 July and the cease-fire proclaimed on 16 August 1974? If a break down exists of the numbers of 'Greek Cypriots' and 'Turkish Cypriots' killed during this period, please also provide the salient details.

(vi) How many United Nations personnel died in Cyprus during each of the five phases specified at paragraphs (i) to (v) above?

(vii) How many members of the armed forces of Greece died in Cyprus during each of the five phases specified at paragraphs (i) to (v) above?

(viii) How many members of the armed forces of Turkey died in Cyprus during each of the five phases specified at paragraphs (i) to (v) above?

(ix) How many members of the armed forces of the United Kingdom died in Cyprus during each of the five phases specified at paragraphs (i) to (v) above?

(x) How many foreign citizens died in Cyprus during each of the five phases specified at paragraphs (i) to (v) above?

I am treating 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, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. Information relating to part ix) of your request can be found below.

The information you requested in parts i) to viii) and x) of your request is not held by the Ministry of Defence. The Statistical Service of Cyprus (CYSTAT) or the United Nations Statistics Division may hold the information you are seeking. Contact information can be found at the following websites.

The Statistical Service of Cyprus

http://www.mof.gov.cy/mof/cystat/statistics.nsf/contact_en?OpenForm

United Nations Statistics Division

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/contactus.htm>

Part ix)

Between 15 July 1974 and 16 August 1974, **no** UK Armed Forces personnel died as a result of United Nations peacekeeping duties in Cyprus.

Defence Statistics (Health) compiles the Department's authoritative deaths database for all **UK Armed Forces personnel who died whilst in Service** going back to 1984. Information is compiled from several internal and external sources from which we release a number of internal analyses and external National Statistics Notices.

For data prior to 1984, Defence Statistics have access to the Armed Forces Memorial (AFM) database owned by the tri-Service Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre. The AFM database was created in order to identify Service personnel whose names were to be, and continue to be engraved on the Armed Forces Memorial at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire. The AFM database records the deaths of all personnel who have died in Service since 1st Jan 1948, and for those who were killed or who died in Palestine from 1st Aug 1945 to 31st Aug 1948. Please note, the AFM database is not regarded as a validated source of historical fatality information, therefore, it cannot be guaranteed to be 100% complete or accurate due to it being populated manually from Service files.

Figures are for tri-Service regular personnel and 'on duty' reservists only as Defence Statistics (Health) do not receive routine notifications of all deaths among reserve forces.

Would you like to be added to our contact list, so that we can inform you about updates to our statistical publications covering suicide and open verdict deaths in the UK Armed Forces and consult you if we are thinking of making changes? You can subscribe to updates by emailing: DefStrat-Stat-Health-PQ-FOI@mod.uk

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, 2nd 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, <https://ico.org.uk>.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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