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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 7 January 2015 which requested the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act to request a list of meetings that Bernard Gray attended from 13 January 2014 until the end of the last year.

I would like the list to cover all meetings that involved people who are not part of MOD and for the list to include: the date, length and location of each meeting; a list of those present (with names and positions for politicians and senior officials, and positions for those to whom Section 40 exemptions are applied); and the purpose of the meeting. I would like this to include meetings in both the UK and overseas.

Please provide the information in a table that shows where any information has been withheld and which is in a machine-readable form such as a spreadsheet. Please also include a list of any abbreviations used.

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. A list of all meetings involving people who are not part of the MOD for the dates requested is attached. Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to note that this has been taken from the Chief of Defence Materiel's (CDM's) official office diary and only includes information recorded in that diary. I have indicated where no further details about purpose or attendees are recorded. The list does not include events (for example like DSEI), social engagements, or where CDM has paid a general visit to a site, such as a defence contractor, including overseas, other than where specific meetings were scheduled.

Positions are those which were held at the time of the meeting, some personnel may have changed position since then. Where a position is not known, it is not included. Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the names in order to protect personal information of a third party 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.

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

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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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.