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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 25th October 2016 requesting the following information:

'I am writing to request a copy of documents describing – and photographs of – any weapons or ammunition seized and/or discovered by the Royal Navy Type 45 Destroyer HMS Diamond during its 'duties countering the illegal arms trade into Libya to RFA Mounts Bay' from 1 September 2016 through 27 October 2016 (per the following announcement: <http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/news/2016/october/25/161025-diamond-completes-arms-patrol>).'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with 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 no information to satisfy your request is held.

As reported on the Royal Navy website, HMS Diamond was conducting surveillance and boarding merchant vessels suspected of supporting the illegal importation of weapons and ammunition into Libya. During the two month period on patrol, HMS Diamond did not find or seize any weapons or ammunition on any of the merchant vessels boarded.

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, Zone K, 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

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section