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Dear

Thank you for your email of 6 May 2015 which requested the following information:

“Please provide the ranks, units, and functions performed by the three UK personnel based at Camp Lemmonnier in Djibouti.”

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

The three UK personnel based at Camp Lemmonnier in Djibouti deployed to the United States' Africa Command's Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, are drawn from across the UK military depending on availability. Their ranks range from Senior NCO (non-commissioned officer) to OF-5 NATO rank (equivalent to the ranks of Captain (Royal Navy), Colonel or Group Captain in the British military).

The UK personnel are involved in operational planning and analysis and management in support of US capacity-building and regional engagement strategies. As you will be aware from our response of 15 April to Ms Gibson's FOI request (reference number FOI2015-03489), while UK personnel remain under the operational command of the UK's Chief of Joint Operations throughout their deployment, their day to day tasking is via the US Chain of Command in the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

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 this office 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, 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.

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Yours sincerely

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