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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2015 requesting the following information:

*"I am writing on behalf of the Gallan Head Community Trust who are in the process a community buyout of the military base in Aird Uig. (Rotor Radio Station Isle of Lewis)*

*Some members of the community are worried about experiments that may have been carried out in or near the vicinity of the station.*

*Of particular concern was Operation Cauldron (1952) that tested biological weapons on monkeys and other creatures. If possible we would like to know what happened to the carcasses of these creatures. Were they disposed of locally on the site of the station or were they removed for disposal".*

We are treating your correspondence 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 I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

In accordance with section 21 Information accessible to applicant by other means.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note the information you have requested is held by the National Archives at Kew.

The address is:

The National Archives,  
Kew,  
Richmond,  
Surrey,  
TW9 4DU.

Web Address: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Its catalogue (<http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/SearchUI/>) is available on the web so you will be able to search for files, although you will not be able to view any documents online.

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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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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

Dstl Secretariat