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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 28 October requesting the following information:

"Do you know if there is an army-dna-database to compare and focus to a territory? The time of interest is June-July 1946?"

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). I regret to inform you that following a search of our recorded information, I have established that the information you requested is not held by the Ministry of Defence.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the Ministry of Defence hold DNA databases for different purposes but these do not date back to 1946. Under the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Human Tissues Act 2004, the Ministry of Defence are unable to release any of the information contained in these databases.

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, 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>.

Yours sincerely,

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