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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information – Final Response

Thank you for your email of 20 July requesting the following information:

"I should like to make a Freedom of Information request to see/read the Board of Enquiry report into the causes of the accident to Phantom XT876 in which [REDACTED] Cdr. Simon Idiens, FAA, was killed on 10th Jan 1972. I show below the text of a most helpful e-mail from [REDACTED] at Yeovilton which sets out – especially her attachment of the relevant page from the 767 Squadron Record – which tells you how far I have got so far in my hunt to understand, as far as is, or can be, known what went wrong that day"

Your request has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the FOI Act 2000.

The Board of Inquiry (BOI) papers have now been recovered, and I attach a copy of Part 1 of the BOI report – those parts of BOI investigations that are published, including the narrative of the report, its conclusions and recommendations, as well as comments by the Convening Authority on the findings.

Some minor redactions have had to be made to the papers released to comply with the FOI and Data Protection Acts under the following FOI exemption which applies:

Section 40 - Personal Information

Personal information identifying individuals has been withheld under section 40(2) of the FOI Act (personal data). Section 40(2) applies to personal data relating to third parties. The release of personal information relating to other individuals without their express permission would contravene the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998

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, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section