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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 2 May 2015 requesting the following information:

“Multinational Force and Observers Sinai

All correspondence written, taped or computerised related to the the Multinational Force and Observers Sinai, in particular all rational and discussions held regarding the status of the MFO as an International Organisation and subsequent correspondence related to the issuing and wearing of the MFO Peace Keeping Medal. I wish to know who, how and when the original decision to not recognise the medal was taken and have access to the information contained in that decision. I also wish to know if the PM of the time was consulted and informed of the original decision to not recognise the medal.

I also want to know how many requests for recognition of grant to wear this medal have been made by ex-servicemen/women and military units and whether or not at any stage in the last 30 years the original decision has been reviewed by the HD Committee and if so by whom and when and what was discussed.

Whether or not as a result of the Holmes report any review of the MFO Medal has been undertaken since 2012 and if so details of that discussion and decision, who was involved and what other parts of government were included in the discussions.

Changes to the HD Comitte Structure

In general I also wish to know if the recommendations of the Holmes Report have yet been implemented by the HD Committee”.

This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) does hold information within scope of your request. Please refer to the relevant attached documents which are itemised below:

- MFO Medal Ref D/DPS(A)/PS12(A)
- MFO Medal Ref Enclosure Number 117
- Email sent 14 August 2014 11:38
- Email sent 21 April 2015 15:17

- Email sent 14 October 2014 09:35

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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,

Defence People Secretariat