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Dear [REDACTED]

Your correspondence dated 5 August 2015 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You requested the following information:

*Q1: Are the policy documents 'AUS (P)(AIR)/454/86 and D/S10 (AIR)/130/25/30 known as the "1986 Agreement" extant (that means: are they current MOD's policies, are they in-use)?*

*Q2: If the answer to Q1 is No: What document has superseded AUS (P)(AIR)/454/86 and D/S10 (AIR)/130/25/30 known as the "1986 Agreement"?*

*Q3: If the answer to Q1 is yes: Why has the Minister for Defence contradicted the document in D/Min (DPWV)AR MC03263/2012? (A question you may wish to forward to his office)*

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds some information to answer your request. I will deal with your questions in turn.

Q1) I can confirm that the policy document known as the 1986 Agreement is currently in use. Under Section 16 of the Act (advice and assistance) I would like to inform you that the 1986 Agreement was subject to amendment in November 2000 (known as Amendment Number 1). A copy of this amendment is provided for your information. Please note that third party personal data has been redacted under Section 40(2) of the FOI Act.

Q2) This is now N/A.

Q3) Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made and does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held. I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence holds no recorded information that would provide an answer to the question you have asked. This response is not to be taken to mean that we accept the premise upon which the question is asked.

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Yours sincerely,

**Air Command Secretariat**