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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your e-mail 15 December 2016 of asking for information about Reaper. You requested the following information:

1. *The number of Reaper UAV aircraft/airframes in service each year since 2007?*
2. *The number of Reaper flying hours each year since 2007?*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am writing to confirm that we hold information on the subject you have requested.

The number of Reaper aircraft/airframes in service with the RAF as at 1 January per year is given in the table below. Reaper came into operational service in October 2007.

| Year          | 2007<br>(Oct) | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---------------|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No in service | 1             | 1    | 2    | 3    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 5    | 10   | 10   |

Flying hours by calendar year are given in the table below. They are rounded to the nearest ten.

| Year  | 2007<br>(Oct) | 2008  | 2009  | 2010   | 2011   | 2012   | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   |
|-------|---------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Hours | 260           | 2,840 | 4,510 | 10,260 | 12,410 | 12,050 | 13,560 | 16,910 | 12,700 | 10,610 |

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Yours sincerely,



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