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## Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 15 June 2016, which requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

'In the last five years, how many Nuclear submarines have arrived onto HM. Naval Base **Gibraltar**, incluiding USN Submarines.? On HMNB Gibraltar, or over British Waters over Gibraltar, Has been any INES incident, relating to British or US. Submarines?'

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that the information requested is held.

There have been 29 visits by nuclear submarines to Gibraltar during the last 5 years. There have been no instances of INES (International Nuclear Events Scale) incidents relating to any of these visits.

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Yours sincerely,

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