



## Ministry of Defence Police

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Date: 21st September 2015

Dear [REDACTED],

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE: INFORMATION ON WHETHER THE MDP WERE ONE OF THE 19 FORCES IDENTIFIED BY THE IOCCO AS HAVING USED RIPA.**

I refer to your e-mail request of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015 which was acknowledged on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015. We will deal with your e-mail as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your email dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015 you requested:

**“Please also either confirm or deny whether the Ministry of Defence Police were one of the 19 forces identified by the IOCCO as having used RIPA to intercept journalists’ communications data.**

A search for information has now been completed and I can confirm that information is held by the Ministry of Defence Police in scope of your request.

On 6th October 2014, the Rt Hon. Sir Paul Kennedy, Interception of Communications Commissioner, stated:

*Today I have written to all Chief Constables and directed them under Section 58(1) of RIPA to provide me with full details of all investigations that have used Part I Chapter 2 RIPA powers to acquire communications data to identify journalistic sources.*

The Ministry of Defence Police provided no investigation information to the IOCCO in response to their request.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB (email [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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 the 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

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