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Via email: [REDACTED]
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Our Reference:
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Date: 6 March 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 6 February 2017 requesting the following information:

As part of a study of recycling irradiated beryllium from research reactors, we try to find out the amount of beryllium from research reactors.

Could you please tell us the amount of beryllium from your research reactor HERALD.

I get your contact details from IAEA.org.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). I can advise that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information in scope of your request.

Records confirm a minimum of 3 tonnes of beryllium materials were used and irradiated in the HERALD research reactor.

Under Section 16(1) of the Act, Public Authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance to people who request information. It should be noted that HERALD reactor operations were concluded at the Atomic Weapons Establishment in the 1990s, and decommissioning activities were completed of the HERALD reactor in 2006.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you 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, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail 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 your

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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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