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Reply to: [REDACTED]

14 December 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 25 November 2016 requesting the following information:

*“Mr Justice Blake has recently deliberated on Nuclear Test Veterans claims.
Please advise:-*

- Was Mr Justice Blake availed of any documents not currently being made available to BNT veterans?*
- If documents have been made available to Mr Justice Blake from LCI containment .
Please list them by title.”*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

Thank you for clarifying your request on 8 December 2016. I can confirm that all of the documents which were considered by the First-tier Tribunal (chaired by Justice Blake) when considering the appeals of the Nuclear Test Veterans earlier this year, were made available to all parties, including those representing the Nuclear Test Veterans. To address the second part of your query, Justice Blake did not have access to Lord Chancellor's Instrument LCI 181, LCI 118 or any other BNT documents that the veterans' appellants did not have access to.

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, Zone D, 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 FOI Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your 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,

