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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 18 March in which you requested the following information:

"Can I ask 1) How many British Armed Forces Officers and Other Ranks (ORs) are assigned to the following US Combatant Commands

European Command

Northern Command/NORAD

Southern Command

Central Command

Pacific Command

Strategic Command

Special Operations Command

Transportation Command

2) Would you be able to break it down according to NATO Ranks?"

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held and is in the attached table. However, the information relating to Special Operations Command is exempt from release under Section 23(1) – information relating to Special Forces. Section 23 is an absolute exemption, in accordance with section 2(3)(b) of the FOIA, and so the public interest balance test set out in section 2(2)(b) does not apply.

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,

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Yours sincerely,



Disclosure and Litigation Leader

CENTRAL COMMAND

Command	OF7	OF6	OF5	OF4	OF3	OF1	OR9	OR8	OR6	OR4	OR3
Central Command	1	2	1	7	4	1	1	1	2	3	1
Southern Command			1								
Pacific Command				1							
Strategic Command			1	1	3						