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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

Thank you for your FOI request in your letter dated 2 August 2017 in which you requested the following information:

*'I wish to apply for information concerning the Royal Naval and Royal Marines members of Naval Party 8901 stationed at Moody Brook Camp, Port Stanley, Falkland Islands April 1982.*

*Following the invasion and occupation of the Falkland Islands the members of this Naval Party were repatriated to the United Kingdom following the initial cessation of hostilities. At some point, either on their return or after the surrender of Argentine Forces in June 1982, the Governor of the Falkland Islands Sir Rex Hunt and the OC NP8901 Major. M. Norman RM, made recommendations for gallantry decorations in respect of the defence of Government House for several individuals of NP8901.*

*These apparently included five Military Medals and twelve 'Mentions in Despatches'. I therefore request a copy of these recommendations and any supporting written records concerning the eventual decision as to the disposal of these recommendations.'*

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held by the Department.

Under Section 16 – Duty to Provide and Advice and Assistance – of the Act, I can report that all MOD records relating to award recommendations such as you have requested, have been transferred to The National Archives (TNA) and are held there under references DEFE

69/806, DEFE 69/807, DEFE 69/808, DEFE 69/1325, DEFE 71/855 and DEFE71/857. Any inquiries regarding them should be made to that office.

The National Archives can be contacted via:

Website: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Post: The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance

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Yours sincerely

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