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20 September 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your e-mail of 24 August asking for information about the RAF's VIP Voyager. You requested the following information:

*"...details of how many times the RAF A330 VIP Voyager refuelling aircraft, refurbished to carry members of the royal family and senior members of the Government, has been used to carry VIPs.*

*Could you specify the date and year it was flown, who was the VIP or VIPs travelling in the aircraft, the destinations they were flown to, and what was the nature of the trip.*

*I would also like to know how many times the aircraft has been used in its air transport role and its troop carrying role since the plane was refurbished to carry VIPs.*

*Could you specify when it was used in its air transport and its troop carrying roles, the destinations it flew to, and whether it was RAF/Navy/Army or other troops being transported."*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held.

Firstly, I must apologise for an error in my response of 22 August 2017 to your previous request. My letter stated that Voyager ZZ336 was used for air transport and trooping flights alongside the rest of the Voyager fleet. This was incorrect. When not in the VIP role Voyager ZZ336 is in the re-fuelling role and has not therefore undertaken any air transport and trooping flights.

Details of Voyager being used in its VIP role are given in the table in the attached Annex.

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

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Once again, please accept my apologies for providing you with inaccurate information and for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,



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**Annex to  
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<b>Date</b>	<b>VIP</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
08-09 Jul 16	Prime Minister	Poland	Government Business
2-6 Sep 16	Prime Minister	China	Government Business
18-22 Sep 16	Prime Minister	USA	Government Business
29-30 Sep 16	Foreign Secretary	Israel	Government Business
5-9 Nov	Prime Minister	India	Government Business
5-7 Dec 16	Prime Minister	Cyprus Bahrain	Government Business
25-29 Jan 17	Prime Minister	USA Turkey	Government Business
29 Mar - 6 Apr 17	HRH Prince of Wales	Romania Italy Austria	Royal Tour
12-16 May 17	Chancellor of the Exchequer	Italy China	Government Business
25-26 May 17	Prime Minister	Belgium Italy	Government Business
6-9 Jul 17	Prime Minister	Germany	Government Business
29 Aug - 2 Sep 17	Prime Minister	Japan	Government Business