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Email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 8 June 2017 May requesting the following information:

Between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2015

- 1. Has the MOD provided guidance to any UK personnel embedded in the US Air Force's 432nd Wing?*
- 2. What topics has that guidance covered?*
- 3. On how many occasions and on what dates has the guidance been updated?*
- 4. Who provided this guidance? I do not want names (unless they senior civil servants or ministers whose names are already public) but please provide me with job descriptions and/or titles.*
- 5. Were Ministers made aware of such guidance?*

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

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act gives an applicant the right to access recorded information held by public authorities at the time the request is made and does not require public authorities to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information held. To answer your questions the information we hold is detailed below.

1. Yes.
2. No information is held within scope of your request. Under Section 16 Advice and Assistance it might be useful to know that the guidance is usually bespoke and often

delivered verbally therefore there is no centrally co-ordinated guidance However, it will in general cover a range of topics such as: standard orders for their primary duties; travel orders for transit; accommodation instructions; personnel information covering duty outside the UK; Embed Directive; UK Law of Armed Conflict; and responsibilities for embedded personnel.

3. As this is provided in bespoke format it will draw on the range of current information available to the briefers at the time of use.
4. Posted personnel received bespoke guidance from a number of personnel in their Chains of Command, their career managers and from within the legal branch of the Permanent Joint Headquarters.
5. Ministers were aware that bespoke briefing was provided to UK personnel.

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, 2nd 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.

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Yours sincerely

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