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Your Ref:

[REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

22 Feb 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2018 requesting the following information:

Requirements: UCL-Qatar are asking to have access to that part of the database held at RAF Wyton that describes the declassified photographs held at NCAP Edinburgh only of the Persian Gulf region 1961-1980 (approximately). Specifically, I ask for records containing the words "Qatar" or "Katar" or "Doha" or "Ad Dawhah" between 1940 and 1960. 2. Purpose: In order to study the history of the gulf, discover archaeological sites, map the development of the gulf.

In your email of 7 February 2018 you clarified the above request as follows:

The box you require would be described by the following coordinates:

Lat: Long

26.295 50.735

26.299 51.755

24.482 50.771

24.456 51.783

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

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.

The information in scope of your request can be found in the attached spread sheet.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the spread sheet lists the sorties that our records indicate cover the target area. We have not listed all the films, just the sorties. There may be multiple films per sortie, so it is possible that there will be films from vertical, oblique, fan and nose camera positions. The microfilms which contain the original plot information are held at the Nation Collection of Air Photography (NCAP), so the spread sheet should be used as a guide, and in conjunction with, those holdings.

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

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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, 1st 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.

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 Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally 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,

Joint Forces Command, Defence Intelligence Secretariat

Search Criteria				
Target:	Qatar		Date Range:	1940 - 1960
TL Lat:	26.295		TL Lon:	50.735
BR Lat:	24.456		BR Lon:	51.783
Returned Results				
Serial	BP Number	Sortie Number	Date Flown	Micro Cassette
1	3768	58 RAF 2193	15/06/57	6684
2	3769	58 RAF 2194	16/06/57	6680
3	4057	13 RAF 0199	21/01/48	7526
4	4947	13A RAF 0274	24/03/51	7217
5	4955	13A RAF 0272	28/03/51	7217
6	4957	13A RAF 0397	20/01/53	6990
7	4964	13A RAF 0391	18/01/53	7203
8	4973	13A RAF 0483	04/05/55	7320
9	4975	13A RAF 0485	14/05/55	7564
10	4976	13A RAF 0482	14/05/55	7263
11	4977	13A RAF 0487	14/05/55	7213
12	4979	13 RAF 2735	14/06/56	7215
13	4985	13B RAF 0122	02/08/56	7218
14	4986	13B RAF 0123	02/08/56	6767
15	7453	IPC Q 0047	01/02/47	9485
16	9996	13 RAF 0197	20/01/48	7494
17	11143	58 RAF 2134	26/03/57	6257
18	11144	58 RAF 2223	27/07/57	6263
19	11146	543 RAF 0012	14/07/57	6270
20	11764	13 RAF 2964	19/08/57	6197
21	13490	58 RAF 2373	23/02/58	6264
22	13992	543A RAF 0038	09/05/58	6014
23	23029	543 RAF 0514	04/04/59	5355
24	23345	13A RAF 0802	05/01/59	5333
25	23469	543 RAF 0619	15/07/59	5375
26	23971	13A RAF 0937	18/11/55	5385
27	30674	13B RAF 0166	18/12/59	3401
28	39025	RRF 1087	13/01/58	5920
29	39151	RRF 1090	15/01/58	3371
30	39152	RRF 1091	15/01/58	3371