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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – QUESTIONS RELATING TO DOOR GUNNERS

Further to our e-mail dated 20 February, I can confirm that your request for information has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000), and the process is now complete.

You asked the following the question:

“Can you please tell me if door gunners in the Army Air Corps Lynx helicopters fired on by terrorists near Clogher, County Tyrone on February 15th 1991 and Roslea, County Fermanagh on March 16th 1992 returned fire?”

I can confirm that the MOD holds some information relating to the incident involving the Army Air Corp Lynx helicopter on 15th February 1991 and the incident on 16th March 1992. This information was located in the Director of Operations Briefs and I have provided at Annex A, relevant extract from the briefs (within which the remaining information was outside the scope of your request and would have been redacted).

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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Extracts from Director of Operations Brief
To cover the period 15 February 1991 and 16th March 1992
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Daily Operations Brief 15-16 March 1991

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4. 151755Z Helicopter Attack, Clogher (1 Derr). Two Lynx helicopters were fired upon 50-80 rounds of automatic fire, from the direction of BCP 101, GR 613517, as they approached BCP 105, GR 605499. There were no casualties and no rounds were returned.

Daily Operations Brief 16-17 March 1992

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2 161205Z Helicopter Shoot (No Casualties), BCP 124 (42 Cdo RM). Two Lynx helicopters were conducting a routine tasking in the Rosslea area when they were shot at from the ROI. There were no casualties or rounds returned.

- a. Incident at 1205Z Annaghmartin and Killvilly PVCPs reported hearing 2 burst of automatic fire, thought to be directed against Lynx 9 and 10. The helicopters were unaware of the incident but on landing at St. Angelo confirmed that neither aircraft had been hit.