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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – TOTAL NUMBER OF “SUPER SANGERS” INSTALLED ALONG THE IRISH/NORTHERN IRISH BORDER

You asked the following:

“I would like to make an official request for the following information:

The total number of watch towers or “super sangers” that were installed along the Irish/Northern Irish border by the British Army/RUC/PSNI/MOD, during the conflict in Northern Ireland, and their geographic locations.

We are a Creative Producer working on a public artwork that will take place along the Irish Border in 2019 and we would like to have one of the elements based on these landmarks or their now vacant sites.”

I can confirm that the MOD does hold the information that you have requested however the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 (Information accessible to the applicant by other means). We are not required to release information if it is reasonably accessible to you in another way. Information that falls within the scope of your request is published via the CAIN (Conflict, Archive on the INternet) website which is affiliated to the University of Ulster, Magee Campus. Information relating to the watchtowers can be viewed at the following link:

<http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/issues/politics/docs/imc/imc200704.pdf>

In particular Annex IV (pages 44 – 50) makes reference to Towers and Observation Posts.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

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