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Request for Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 29 May 2018 in which you requested the following information:

'Is it possible to locate the Official Board of Inquiry report for an aircraft incident which occurred in 1965. The incident involved Hunter T8 WV 397 which crashed into the sea on 23 November 1965, I believe off the coast of Wales. The pilot Robert Rance ejected safely. The cause was a technical failure. Grateful for any information or guidance you can give me.'

Your enquiry is being treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to advise you that, following an extensive search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the official Board of Inquiry Report of the incident involving the Hunter T8 WV 397 in 1965 was not considered for permanent preservation and the copy held was destroyed in 2014.

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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