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Dear 

Thank you for your email of 7 August 2018 requesting the following information:

- 1) *What is the correct designation of the UK F-35 Lightning II fleet?*
- 2) *Please provide in MS Excel or CSV format the current serial numbers, manufacturers serial/construction numbers, squadron and base location for each UK F-35 Lightning II.*

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 you requested can be found below.

- 1) The correct name for the aircraft is Lightning II F-35B.
- 2) At the time of writing the current location and Squadron details of the 15 F-35 aircraft owned by the UK are as detailed in Annex A.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that although the location and squadron information is correct at the time of writing each aircraft may transition to different squadrons throughout their life.

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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Production Number	Tail Number	Current Location	Squadron
BK-01	ZM135	Edwards Air Force Base, USA	17 Squadron
BK-02	ZM136	Edwards Air Force Base, USA	17 Squadron
BK-03	ZM137	Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, USA	Not yet assigned
BK-04	ZM138	Edwards Air Force Base, USA	17 Squadron
BK-05	ZM139	Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, USA	Not yet assigned
BK-06	ZM140	RAF Marham	617 Squadron
BK-07	ZM141	RAF Marham	617 Squadron
BK-08	ZM142	RAF Marham	617 Squadron
BK-09	ZM143	RAF Marham	617 Squadron
BK-10	ZM144	RAF Marham	617 Squadron
BK-11	ZM145	RAF Marham	617 Squadron
BK-12	ZM146	RAF Marham	617 Squadron
BK-13	ZM147	RAF Marham	617 Squadron
BK-14	ZM148	RAF Marham	617 Squadron
BK-15	ZM149	Naval Air Station Patuxent River, USA	Not yet assigned