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Dear [REDACTED],

We refer to your request dated 17 August 2018, which asked for the following information on Operation SHADER:

'I'd like to request the number of civilian casualties recorded by the Ministry of Defence in its military operations across Syria and Iraq in the time period 1 May 2016 - 17 August 2018.'

Your correspondence has been treated 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 we can confirm that information concerning part of your request is held and releasable. The information requested can be found below:

Under Section 21(1) of the FOIA, the requested information is reasonably accessible. The Ministry of Defence has published a statement confirming one civilian casualty, which can be found on the web link below.

Ministry of Defence statement: <https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2018-05-02/debates/18050243000006/Counter-DaeshOperations#contribution-E367BCCC-DD50-44FA-A2D5-8B5CA970217F>

The Combined Joint Task Force operating under the Global Coalition against Daesh produces a monthly Civilian Casualty report. The August release of this information is provided for your information as a weblink below.

CJTF Civilian Casualty report, August 2018:
<http://www.inherentresolve.mil/News/Article/1615370/combined-joint-task-force-operation-inherent-resolve-monthly-civilian-casualty/>

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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