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Ministry of Defence

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Dear

Thank you for your email of 24 August 2018 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Please can you release the details of any instances in which MOD personnel have stayed at the Trump International hotel in Washington DC? The address of the hotel is as follows:

1100 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004, USA

If you could release the date, duration and cost of each stay, it would be good. And if you can release the name of the person or their role of who stayed, this would be good too - though obviously I will understand if this information needs to be withheld for security reasons. (If this is the case, please only redact the relevant parts rather than the entire document)."

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 there is no record of MOD staff staying at the Trump International Hotel in Washington DC.

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.gov.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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normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at https://ico.org.uk/.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Business Services (Secretariat)