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Date: 29 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – INFORMATION ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM AIKEN

Further to your e-mail of 1 October, I can confirm that your request for information has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA 2000), and the process is now complete.

You asked the following:

“I am writing to request access to request a copy of the NI Daily Operations Brief and Death Log dated 23rd October 1990.

I do this under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 1. I request that all information, whether, in electronic, paper or other mediums be made available, Section 84. I request that any information is relayed in hard copy form, Section 11.

If any part of my request is denied, I would request a breakdown of all deletions and relevant exemption in the said act. I will expect you to release all non-exempt material.

If my request is denied on the grounds that it exceeds the cost of compliance as set out in Section 12 of the Act, I would request that you provide, both, advice and assistance, as is your obligation, under Section 16 of the Act, as how the request may be refined to fit any constraints.

This does not, however, impinge my right to appeal any refusal of materials in the request and any charge of excessive fees.

If, however, any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it: document references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited, due to a perceived or an actual breach of confidence, I request that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement. I must remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

If you need any further details regarding the request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you within the next twenty days as stipulated in the Act. I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this correspondence.”

As requested please find enclosed redacted versions of the following documents relating to your request for information, these can be found at Annex A.

Daily Operations Brief dated 23-24 October 1990
List of Deaths 1012 Vol 2
List of Deaths 1012 Vol 7

I can confirm that the majority of the information redacted is due to it being outside the scope of your request.

Additionally, some of the information contained within the disclosure constitutes personal information, such as names and addresses. Under FOI(A) this information is exempt under Section 40 (2) by reason of the first condition under Section 40 (3) (a) (i), as disclosure would contravene data protection principles under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA 98). This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test to be conducted in order for this information to be exempt from disclosure. Therefore all personal information has been redacted.

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 (email 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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the FOI(A). Please note that the Information Commissioner will not 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 of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

38 (Irish) Brigade FOI Team

Enclosures:

Annex A:

1. Daily Operations Brief dated 23-24 October 1990
2. List of Deaths 1012 Vol 2
3. List of Deaths 1012 Vol 7

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DAILY OPERATIONS BRIEF

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9. 231124A. MURDER OF CIVILIAN, BELFAST (1 GORDONS).
William Aiken (Prot), a taxi driver from Templepatrick was shot
and killed by 2 gunmen outside the Royal Victoria Hospital,
Falls Road, GR 31997356. The terrorists approached through a
pedestrian entrance from Falls Road. The gunmen shot Aiken at
close range through the open car window, before making their
escape back through the pedestrian entrance. A follow up
operation is in progress.

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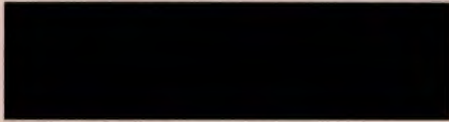
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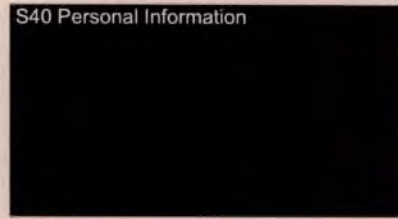
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INCEMDIARIES (Not incl in Bombing Totals)	BELFAST		L'DERRY		RURAL		TOTAL
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Exploded Devices							
Neutralised Devices							

SHOOTINGS	BELFAST		L'DERRY		RURAL		TOTAL
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Single Rounds at SF							
Auto Rounds at SF					-	-	
SF Returned Fire					-	-	
SF Opened Fire					1	1	
SF Not Involved		1					1
Shots Heard Only							
SHOOTING INCIDENTS TOTS		1			1	1	2

CASUALTIES

BELFAST		L'DERRY		RURAL		TOTAL	
B	O	B	O	B	O	B	O
8	0	8	0	9	0	8	0

SHOOTINGS

Prot Killed

B = BOMB, O = OTHER

DEATHS - 1990

Sex	DATE	NAME	Org	DETAILS
03	47			
03	48			
39	49			
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39	53	23 Oct 90	William AIKEN	P Shot & fatally wounded by PIRA terrorists in an apparent sectarian attack at Falls Road, Belfast
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