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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – UTILISATION OF ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT
UNIT/PERSONNEL TRANSITION TO WAR IN A GENERAL NATO Vs WARSAW PACT
CONFLICT 1988 - 1992**

I refer to our e-mail dated 29 November and, I can confirm that your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI (A)), and the process is now complete.

You asked for the following:

“I am looking for any plans or discussions regarding the utilisation of Ulster Defence Regiment units/personnel upon Transition to War in a general NATO vs Warsaw Pact conflict in the time period 1988 – 1992.”

I must advise that, despite extensive searches, we have been unable to locate any information relating to your request.

By way of further advice (a principle outlined in Section 16 of the FOI(A)) I can advise that the document entitled the Formation of the Ulster Defence Regiment can be viewed via the Conflict and Politics in Northern Ireland (CAIN) via the link shown below:

http://cain.ulst.ac.uk/proni/1969/proni_CAB-9-G-89-3_1969-nd.pdf

I can confirm that members of the Home Service battalions of the Ulster Defence Regiment and its successor the Royal Irish Regiment did, from time to time, deploy in the wider General Service role, they did so as individual volunteers and were not subject to compulsory call-out.

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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