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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 August 2018 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in which you asked for information about a Royal Ordnance site in Leeds. I apologise for the delay in replying.

You asked:

*"Sedgwick Ref: 6642901
Insurer's Claim Ref: NB805927B 22/08/1964
Re: Rolls-Royce Plc Insurance Claim
Claimant: Philip John Milner*

I refer to the claim above and thank you for supplying the works records.

I wished to make an enquiry as to the existence of any other records.

Ideally, I am looking for a site map which hopefully may shed some light on the area that the claimant worked in. Whilst he was there, for the first 4 years he was employed as an apprentice. Would there be anyone within the business who could advise if the apprentices worked alongside other full-time employees or would they have been within a training department and possibly not exposed to noise?

Whilst RR plc purchased the site, (Vickers Defence at the time) they have been unable to locate any documents either."

I am treating your further 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 MOD and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to be aware that when the Royal Ordnance was privatised in 1985 some records will have been transferred at that point to Rolls Royce. Any remaining MOD records were transferred to The National Archives file sequences, DEFE 13, DEFE 23, DEFE 68

and DEFE 57, however, I cannot say whether these files will have contained site maps. More information about accessing material at The National Archives can be found on their website at: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/.

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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Yours sincerely,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

DBS Secretariat