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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 17/07/2019 requesting the following information:

"I would like any information regarding the seismic surveys of the Hovercrafts RN6 GH2055 and 2013 in the Persian Gulf on 15th November 1977 and any information including any investigations, Public enquiries and subsequent findings of the explosion which destroyed the hovercraft GH2055."

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 UKHO, and I can confirm that a limited amount of information is held in scope of your request.

There are no surveys or reports of a survey (sheets/plans) listed in the UKHO collection.

The information we have managed to find can be found as attachment A, B and C.

Attachment A and B are graphics that record the extent of the surveying activity. The small boxes, and numbers written in red ink identify the surveys as they are listed in the relevant survey ledger (which is then in turn used to discover more details about the survey etc.), recording details such as:

- Date
- Survey Vessel or Company
- Location / purpose

Attachment A and B are held here at the UKHO in the Ritchey Research Room and are available to visiting researchers (members of the public) to study as a precursor to ordering documents from the archive repository itself.

Attachment C is the Wreck/Obstruction Report held at UKHO on our database.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

UKHO Secretariat