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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2019 requesting the following information:

"I am writing because our company has some serious concerns about plans for the Tristars...

I was wondering if you could help me to describe the situation to the US Navy? Are there any documents available that help to show that these aircraft really were intended to be scrapped and not continued on as tankers? Anything else along this line that I could present?...

Thanks for any information you can provide."

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 no information in scope of your request is held.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the UK MOD disposed of its final Tristar aircraft in 2014. Airworthiness records were supplied with the aircraft as part of the sale and were available to prospective buyers, who were required under the terms of the contract to ensure that aircraft being returned to flight comply with all necessary safety and airworthiness regulations.

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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