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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 11 October 2019 requesting the following information:

"Please could I have copies of the following exhibits, all forming part of Hawk Mk1 XX204 Service Inquiry report.

196, 197, 198, 199, 200 and 201."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

As communicated to you in our letter of 29 October 2019 a search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm all the information in scope of your request is held.

However, it was believed that the information you have requested falls within the scope of qualified exemption 31 (Law Enforcement) and as such it was necessary for us to decide whether, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Section 31(1) (Law Enforcement) has been applied to all of the information because it contains information which its disclosure could prejudice (2)(g) the purpose of ascertaining the cause of an accident. The Inquest related to the Hawk XX204 accident has not yet taken place and the information requested forms an integral part of that legal process. For these reasons I have set the level of prejudice against the release of the exempted information at the higher level of "would", rather than "would be likely to" and the information will not be disclosed at this time.

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Yours sincerely,

DSA Secretariat