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Via email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email, dated 21 July 2017, requesting:

“copies of all communications sent and received by special adviser James Wild between January 1, 2017 and the date of this request which relate in any way to the publication by The Sunday Times of No 10 covering up the misfire of Trident during a test off the coast of America.”

We have treated your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

A search for the information was conducted within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and, as we have previously stated, the MOD holds information in scope of your request. However, we have to advise you that we are unable to answer your request.

Despite the significant amount of time and resources spent reviewing and preparing the information for disclosure, we are still not in a position to be able to release the information to you. Therefore we are engaging Section 14(1) of the Act, which makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information which have the potential to cause a disproportionate or unjustified level of disruption, irritation or distress.

We recognise that you have waited for a substantive response to your request for some time and would like to thank you for your patience. We also appreciate that this response will not be that which you hoped for.

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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of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat