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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 30 September 2019 requesting the following information:

"The research commissioned by David Cameron when he was Prime Minister into the feasibility of alternatives to a submarine-based nuclear weapons system. This research is referred to in his memoirs, as related in the Times on the 19th September."

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

A search for the information has been conducted within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and we can confirm that MOD holds information relevant to your request. However, this information is withheld under Section 21 (Information Reasonably Accessible to the Applicant by Other Means).

Under Section 16(1) of the Act, whereby public authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance to requestors, you may find it helpful to note the following:

The information you have requested is included in the Trident Alternatives Review published in 2013 and available at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/trident-alternatives-review>. Further, the work commissioned by David Cameron was led by the Cabinet Office, not the MOD.

If you have queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about any aspect of 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat