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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 3 December 2019 requesting the following information:

- “1) Can you provide a historical list of all locations in the UK, where nuclear missiles were kept in silos? (that have now been decommissioned for several years)*
- 2) Can you provide and pictures and plans (architects drawings) of the silos and thier launch control rooms?*
- 3) Can you provide an historical list of any nuclear false alarms, during the Cold War?*
- 4) Dose the Defence Intelligence unit, D.I.55 still exist? And, if so, what is it's current role? If it no longer exists, can you provide any historical information on what it did an where it was based?”*

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we 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 the following points, which relate to your questions numbered 1, 2 and 4. The UK's nuclear weapons, if it became necessary to use them, would be delivered by submarine-launched ballistic missiles, and previously we also had air-dropped nuclear bombs, all of which have been withdrawn from service. The UK has never had a land-based nuclear deterrent consisting of missiles launched from silos. Further, the Freedom of Information Act covers requests for recorded information, and public bodies are not required to create information in order to answer questions where information does not already exist in a recorded form.

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 us in the first instance at the address above. 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.gov.uk](mailto: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 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 normally 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 their website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Nuclear Organisation Secretariat