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Dear ██████████,

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2019 requesting the following information:

“During the Cold War, when the UK’s nuclear deterrent was the Cruise Missile (now decommissioned) the plan was to, prior to launch, to deploy the launcher and its support vehicles to dispersed sites away from the base where they were stored. (As mentioned in Hansard by the then Secretary of State, although he did not give the locations) Exercises were conducted where they would practice going to these locations. So locations were ear marked for this purpose, by the MoD.

Can you provide a list of the locations of the dispersed sites?

As the Cruise Missile has been long since decommissioned, then these ear marked dispersed sites are no longer of any defence significance and thier disclosure should be permitted. They should no long be classified, as they don't apply to any current arrangements.”

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 that the UK’s nuclear deterrent has never consisted of ground-launched cruise missiles.

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). 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.

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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