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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 13 November 2019 requesting the following information:

“Excluding areas I know which cannot be discussed for obvious reasons such as The Corsham Computer Centre (CCC) or Command of Defence Communications Network (CDCN) I would like to ask the following:*

Does any part of the formerly declassified areas of the tunnels system now come under a classified status, or can you confirm that the 2004 declassification of these tunnels stills stands true.”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

During the 1950s, the Corsham Tunnels became an underground facility for the potential relocation of Government in times of crisis. This role was retained until 2004, when the site was declassified, although still remaining part of the MOD estate. I can confirm that this declassification is extant.

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

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Yours sincerely,

Information Systems and Services (ISS) Secretariat