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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 27 January 2020 requesting the following information:

“Can you please advise me of the British Forces Post Office (BFPO) number allocated to the UK Naval Support Facility at Mina Salman Port in Bahrain. In addition can you please provide the following information:

- a. The date the BFPO number for this location opened.***
- b. Does an actual British Forces Post Office exists at the facility or is it a mailing address only.***
- c. Does the BFPO number cover any other location other than the UK Naval Support Facility.”***

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 and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested can be found below.

The BFPO number for the UK Naval Support Facility at Mina Salman Port in Bahrain is BFPO 632.

I will now answer each of parts a., b. and c. of your request:

Part a. No information held.

Part b. A Forces Post Office exists at the facility and it provides a basic range of postal services.

Part c. No.

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Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that BFPO 632 is part of the Operation KIPION group which has Forces Post Offices located in Bahrain, UAE, Oman & Qatar; with four separate BFPO numbers in use. A listing of BFPO post offices is recorded on the .gov.uk site:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/british-forces-post-office-locations/british-forces-post-office-locations-updated-17-june-2019>.

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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Yours sincerely


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