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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – DURING OPERATION BANNER THE DATES AND LOCATIONS OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BOMBS

Thank you for your e-mail dated 22 June, I can confirm that your request has been considered under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI(A)), and the process is now complete.

You asked the following:

“I would like to request the following: During Operation Banner, the dates and locations of commercial and residential bombs attended by the security forces in the city centre of Derry.”

Whilst we may have some information, it has been estimated that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit and therefore under the terms of Section 12(2) of the FOI(A), we are not obliged to comply. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for central government this is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending three and a half working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Locating the information relating to your request is driving the cost as it is not held centrally nor recorded in a way that makes it possible to retrieve it without a complete manual trawl through thousands of records. Furthermore, because of the way the records are held, I cannot suggest a refinement that may bring it within the cost limit.

Under Section 16 of the FOI(A) (Duty to provide advice and assistance), I can advise that The Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) may hold information that could be of relevance to your request.

To submit a FOI request to PRONI you should forward your request to the following addresses:

By post: - Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, 2 Titanic Boulevard, Titanic Quarter, Belfast, BT3 9HQ.

By E-mail: proni@communities-ni.gov.uk

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 (email 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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the FOI(A). Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Further details of the role of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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