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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ROADSIDE BOMBING AT BALLYDUGGAN ROAD, DOWNPATRICK - FOI 2021/08764

Thank you for your letter dated 30 August, 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:

“Please could I have info with regards to the ‘Daily Operation Brief’ as outlined in your letter dated 23-8-21.”

As requested, please find attached at Annex A an extract from the Daily Operation Brief.

Some of the information contained within the extract constitutes personal information, such as names and address. Under FOI(A) this information is exempt under Section 40 (2) by reason of the first condition under Section 40 (3) (a) (i), as disclosure would contravene data protection principles under the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018). This is an absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test to be conducted in order for this information to be exempt from disclosure. Therefore, all personal information has been redacted.

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Yours sincerely

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Verbatim Extracts from – Daily Operation Brief

Dated 09-10 April 1990

Daily Operation Brief – 09 – 10 April 1990

39 Inf Bde

7. 090745A. CWIED/LANDMINE, DOWNPATRICK (3 UDR) Four soldiers died when an IED detonated under the rear vehicle of a two vehicle military patrol as it passed over a culvert at GR [Redacted] on the A25 near Downpatrick. After EOD action the device was estimated at 500 kgs of HME. A CW led 250 metres along a stream bed to a Firing Point on high ground at GR [Redacted]. A firing pack and some coils of wire were recovered from the Firing Point. The terrorists are believed to have escaped from the scene on a motorcycle which had been taken after a house takeover at Kileavey Road, Newry GR 079273, at 021830A. The motorcycle was found abandoned at the rear of [Redacted], Downpatrick, GR [Redacted], at 090830A and was recovered. At 0655A an RUC patrol had found two boiler suits and a military style boot on the Bonecastle Road, GR [Redacted], approximately 1 km from the seat of the explosion.

1 x Expl : 500.0 kgs HME Rev: 1 x Firing Pack

(CWIED/Ambush) 300m Comd Wire

4 x UDR (K) 2 x Arrests

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