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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of the 22 February 2021 requesting the following information:

I would like any information held at HQAC about the formation of 1701 (Johnstone) Squadron ATC and any detached Flights which this Squadrons may have had or previously been itself, a list of all former Commanding Officers and any historical points of significance.

Specifically I am looking for: formation date, strength of the Squadrons on formation and original location of Squadron on formation and previous locations. I would also like to know if this squadron has previously had any detached flights or been a detached flight itself, a list of all former Commanding Officers and any historical points of significance.

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 some information in scope of your request is held.

1701 (Johnstone) Squadron (SqN) was formed on 1 August 1941. Information on detached flights, previous locations, former Commanding Officers and SqN strength is not held. There are no recorded historical records pertaining to 1701 (Johnston) SqN held at Headquarters Air Cadets, the SqN or Wing.

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Yours sincerely

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