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Ref: 2019/10630

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30 October 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 September 2019 requesting the following information;

I would like to request the following under FOIA

Re: the "SSAFA /Northrop Grumman Carol Concert and Dinner (5th December 2018)"

I would like to see:

- (1) *The "MBDA Invitation" for ACM Hillier to this event*
- (2) *The invitation for AVM Gerry Mayhew to "Northrop Grumman SSAFA Carol Concert Dinner - The Goring Dinner"*
- (3) *The invitation(S) for AVM Harvey Smyth to "SSAFA Carol Concert" and "Northrop Grumman Dinner"*
- (4) *The invitation for Mark Poffley to "Northrop Grumman Carol Service and Dinner"*

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

A copy of the invitation for the SSAFA / Northrop Grumman Carol Concert and Dinner, 5 December 2019 for Air Chief Marshal Hillier is attached at Annex A.

I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held by the MOD for Air Vice-Marshal Harvey Smyth, Air Vice-Marshal Gerry Mayhew and Lieutenant General Mark Poffley.

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Yours sincerely

Air Command Secretariat

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 August 2018 10:46
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: SSAFA Carol Concert, Reception and Dinner, Wednesday 5 December 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of RAdm Charlier, I would like to extend a warm invitation for Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier and Lady Hillier to join us at the SSAFA Carol concert and afterwards for dinner on Wednesday 5 December.

The dinner this year will be at Wiltons Restaurant on Jermyn Street which is closer to the Officers Mess in Wellington Barracks.

Details will be provided nearer the time, but I would be grateful if you could place a marker in diaries for what on previous years has proven to be a most enjoyable start to the Christmas period.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

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Advance notice of absence:
Holiday: Thursday 16 and Friday 17 August
Holiday: Friday 24 - Tuesday 28 August (inclusive)
Course: Wednesday 29 August
Course: Wednesday 12 September

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