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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your e-mail of 10 February requesting the following information:

"My name is [REDACTED]

I am currently working on an undergraduate dissertation on embedded UK photojournalists during the Iraq War. In my dissertation I am focussing on the relationship between UK photojournalism and the military in Iraq and the role of photojournalists in such conflicts, both contemporaneously and as key contributors to the recording and understanding of events.

I am looking for (the) edition(s) of the Green Book given to journalists during the Iraq War as the edition available on the Ministry of Defence website was updated in 2013. If you can provide me with a copy of the Iraq War Green Book as well as any other examples of contracts/agreements journalists/photojournalists had to sign/read it would be much appreciated and would greatly help my dissertation research."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence does hold some information within the scope of your request.

The information you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA (Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means). Section 21 is an absolute exemption, there is no requirement to consider the public interest in making the decision to withhold the information.

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) you may be interested to know that the recorded information you have requested can be viewed at the following link. A search was undertaken for previous copies of the Green Book, but no information is held for this part of your request.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-green-book>

The forms journalists are required to fill out are held here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mod-working-arrangements-with-media-organisations-forms>

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for 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 must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

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Yours sincerely,
DDC Secretariat Parliamentary