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Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2022 in which you requested the following information:

“I’m emailing yourselves to find out if he has provided you with any ‘actual’ proof that he is an ex-Major in the RLC (TA), or even an Officer in the now defunct RAOC”

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I am writing to advise you that in accordance with Section 40 (5) the Department neither confirms nor denies whether it holds any information in scope of your request. This is because of our duty to protect individuals’ personal data. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no need to consider the public interest. You should not infer from this reply that we either do, or do not, hold the information requested.

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Yours sincerely,

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