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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing about your email of 30 May 2023, requesting the following information:

'I have recently purchased an ex-military Land Rover Series 3 1977. I have checked the released MERLIN database and the vehicle service history is not contained in the available published MERLIN extract. Therefore I submit a FOI request for the following information: 1) Vehicle military service history (Units served etc, as contained in MERLIN) 2) Any Maintenance Records / Work / Faults / Modifications objects related to this vehicle. 3) Any other facts or information the MOD might hold on the vehicle about its past service life. Vehicle Registration: 03 GN 69 Description: Land Rover TRUCK UTY MED CL 3/4T 4X4 W/TLR ATTACHMENTS ROVER SER 3 (PTL) Manfr: Rover Group LTD Type: ----- Chassis No: 91166870C REG. No: 03 GN 69 CONT. No : WV.8765R.2934 CES No: ----- CODE No: 1711.0781 Date in Service: 01.07.1977'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and some information about your vehicle has previously been published; Section 21(1) of the FOI Act provides that information is exempt if it is reasonably available by other means. The MERLIN archive was released as part of a previous FOI request and can be accessed at the Government publications website via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-responses-published-by-mod-week-commencing-09-july-2018>

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, I can advise you that the MERLIN database in the above link is split into seven spreadsheets. The first has a list of vehicles, while spreadsheets 2 through 7 include the vehicle service histories. To search for a vehicle, you must press Ctrl + F on your computer keyboard, then type in the vehicle registration number (03GN69) and press 'enter'. For ease of reference, the published information concerning your vehicle is available from MERLIN 2.0 attachment 1, row 15432, and MERLIN 2.0 attachment 2, rows 61261 to 61264.

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You may wish to note that when the MERLIN database was archived into its current format some data may have been lost or corrupted. You should therefore be cautious that some of the data may be inaccurate.

I can advise that no other information on this vehicle is held.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request 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 should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

DE&S Policy Secretariat