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22 May 2023

Dear

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 April 2023 requesting the following information:

Has a British officer been posted as 'J2 Deputy Director Mission, Headquarters United States Central Command, Tampa' in succession to Air Commodore M K Ridgway? If so, who is the officer? Ref RAF Senior Appointments 9 August 2022 <u>https://www.raf.mod.uk/ourorganisation/senior-appointments/</u>

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 information in scope of your request is held.

A British Officer has been posted to the role of J2 Deputy Director Mission, Headquarters United States Command, Tampa. The post is bi-rotational and is now held by the British Army with Brigadier Malone currently in post.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 <u>CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). 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,

[Original signed]

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