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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 January 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'Hi I am writing as I would like some more information regarding an Ministry Of Defence Press Release published 04/01/2020
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/carrier-strike-group-hits-important-milestone>

The article mentions that Japan & The United Arab Emirates was included in working with the Carrier Strike Group can I ask in what way were these two countries involved.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. In response to your request, I can advise that Japan and the United Arab Emirates provided military observers to the NATO Joint Warrior exercises held in Autumn 2020, by way of engaging in our Carrier Strike Group's Initial Operating Capability programme.

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

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Yours sincerely

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