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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 August 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'I am in the process of building a 1:350 scale model of HMS ASTUTE from a kit.

The instructions for the decals indicate striped running around the ship, but I have only seen them in photos on the ship before it's launch. As I am trying to produce the ship as it looks once in service, I am unsure if I should include or omit the lines. I have included the image of the instructions so you can see what I am specifically enquiring about. These would be the vertical red, white and blue lines on the hull, as well as the dashed horizontal white and yellow lines on the hull.

Any advice would be appreciated.

I want to be sure I'm building the display model correctly and appreciate any assistance you can provide in allowing me to more accurately apply details to this model.'

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

A search has now 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 confirm that lines detailed in your request in relation to HMS Astute stay on the hull after build.

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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