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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 11 February 2024 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

"Please provide me with all information held relating to the excavation of Hurricane P3984 of 238 Sqn in September 1990 at Corfe Castle, Wareham, Dorset (as I understand, a licence was granted on 26/09/1990) including, but not limited to, a copy of the excavation licence, correspondence and excavation/finds report."

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 within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that some of the information in scope of your request is held.

The excavation license number is recorded as 599, and the grid map reference that the licence was issued for is SY 459825.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to know that the Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC) has only been administering The Protection of Military Remains Act since 2005. Licenses issued prior to this year only had a few basic details taken from their record cards before they were destroyed.

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,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

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