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Dear Mr Gregory,

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 February 2023 requesting the following information:

"Our client accordingly requests a summary of the evidence on which the MOU was terminated. For the avoidance of doubt, this request is made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Following the review of this matter, a search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request has been found.

The information you have requested can be found enclosed at annex A but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the exceptions provided for at regulation 12(3) (Personal Data) and has been withheld.

Regulation 12(3) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. The information is exempt from Section 7(1) of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in not disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

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

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SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <a href="https://ico.org.uk/">https://ico.org.uk/</a>.

Yours sincerely,

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