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Your Reference:

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Dear XXXXXXXXX

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wrote to you on 28th August 2009 regarding your request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, submitted on 19th August 2009. You requested the following information: "...the names of any person who has used the Freedom of Information Act, in the last 3 months, to request any information with regards General Sir Richard Dannatt. Please note that the guidance from the Information Commissioner states quite clearly that the names of people acting in an official capacity should normally be released. In this case, this would particularly apply to any MP, or their research staff."

I am very sorry, but there was an error in the information I gave you in response to this question. I stated that "the Ministry of Defence has received four requests under the Freedom of Information Act relating to General Dannatt in the last three months." I should have said that the MOD had received three requests in that time period. Another request, which referred to a different senior military officer, was included by mistake. Please accept my apologies for this error.

The rest of the information given in my response, including the statement that all the requests were from people identifying themselves as representing broadcast or print media organisations, is correct.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you 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 Head of Corporate Information, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). 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.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely

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