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Dear Mr XXXXXXXX,

Request for Information – No Information Held

Further to our letter dated 15 May 2007, I am now in a position to provide a substantive response to your request for details of any extraordinary Government payments to members of the 15 Royal Navy personnel detained by Iran, including whether those payments were made to compensate them for not being allowed to sell their stories to the media.

Since the payment of ex-gratia awards was never considered for the detainees, there is no information held within the Department of the description specified in your request.

If you are unhappy 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 Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail Info-XD@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 unhappy 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 the case until the 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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