



Ref: FOI2021-023

10th January 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to our email of 23rd December 2021 regarding your request for the following information:

The Nigerian government visited Harwell in September 1959. I am looking for information, including photographs, about this episode. The TNA catalogue mentions an ES 34 series which has no detailed breakdown of the files contained in it. The archivists there say the files have not been transferred yet.

I would be immensely grateful for your help in finding out whether this series might contain relevant files, and how to access them.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Thorough searches have been carried out to locate the information you requested and we can confirm that the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) does not hold any relevant information.

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (advice and assistance) you might find it helpful to note that any requests for information concerning Civil Nuclear Sites or Companies should be directed to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) via nucleus.helpdesk@nda.gov.uk. You may wish to search the UKAEA holdings in The National Archives (TNA) as we identified a reference to a visit of the Nigerian Prime Minister to Harwell in 1959. The reference is DEF 369/07 or CO 369/07.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled you have a right to request an internal review within 40 days of receiving this letter, by writing to information.requests@awe.co.uk or our postal address: Information Requests Team, AWE Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR. If you are still unhappy after an internal review has been completed, under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you have the right to take your complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office. Please note the Commissioner will generally not consider a complaint until you have exhausted AWE's internal complaints process.

Yours sincerely,

AWE Information Requests Team