

Ref: FOI2025-053

06 October 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Further to our previous correspondence regarding your request for the following information:

“ Confirmation of whether AWE holds documents or a collection of documents stored with the reference or acronym ‘CINO’*

** If so, whether these documents are searchable, and their security classification”*

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

A search for the requested information within the AWE has now been completed, and we can confirm that AWE do hold documents that contain the acronym ‘CINO’.

However, under our duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the Act, we can offer the following information which we hope will be helpful to you. Some of the documents are searchable and hold a variety of different security classifications. Some records were identified by using a keyword search for the term “CINO” but there may be further documents that contain the reference “CINO”, which cannot be identified if the documents are not tagged with that specific keyword. Accurately locating and searching the documents that reference ‘CINO’ would require manual examination and most likely engage section 12 of the Act.

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

