

Ref: FOI2025-062

[REDACTED]
10th November 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

With regard to your request for the following information:

** A copy of item 5 in AWE archive box no. K3435, comprising a list of radiation doses and film numbers from crew aboard HMS Diana*

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

A search has been conducted for the information you have requested; we can confirm the paper records have been digitised and are held within the Merlin database; the database is currently undergoing preparation for public release and therefore included within the scope of this publication effort.

A dedicated team of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) at AWE is preparing these records for release, which involves applying necessary redactions in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and national security requirements.

As such, AWE is applying Section 14(1) of the Act, as fulfilling your request would impose a disproportionate burden on the team while the transfer is proceeding as it's the same SMEs who would handle your Freedom of Information (FOI) request are currently focused on the Merlin publication project. There is a strong public interest in ensuring that this broader transparency exercise is not delayed or disrupted by the diversion of resources to individual FOI requests.

In line with Section 16(1) of the FOI Act, which requires public authorities to provide reasonable advice and assistance, we would like to highlight that the requested documents are reasonably accessible via the ES18 Series at TNA.

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