

Ref: FOI2025-074

04 December 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

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

** A copy of a briefing prepared on 9/5/1980 on reports of a "black mist" seen in South Australia following the explosion of Operation Totem I device on 14/10/1953*

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

A search has been carried out to locate the information you requested and we can confirm that AWE has not been able to locate any relevant information.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide you with any meaningful advice and assistance under Section 16 of the FOI 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