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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2015 asking for details of personnel stationed at Creech Air Force Base. You requested the following information.

- 1. How many UK personnel are stationed (or otherwise currently present) Creech Airbase, Nevada*
- 2. Of those UK personnel stationed (or otherwise currently present) at Creech, how many are part of (i) Squadron 39 (ii) 432nd Wing (iii) any other squadron, wing or unit*
- 3. Of those UK personnel stationed ( or otherwise currently present) at Creech how many are embedded personnel*
- 4. What is the rank, role and unit of each UK personnel at Creech. Please distinguish between embedded and other personnel.*
- 5. Please answer questions 1-4 for UK personnel at Creech over the last 2 years.*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). We have now completed a search of our paper and electronic records for the information you requested and I can confirm that information within the scope of your request is held.

The number of personnel stationed at Creech by unit is given in the table below:

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Summer 2015</b>	<b>Spring 2014</b>
39 Sqn	65	79
432 Wing	2	0
Other	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>80</b>
Of Which Embedded	3	1

The number of personnel stationed at Creech with 39 Squadron is given by rank in the table below:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Summer 2015</b>	<b>Spring 2014</b>
Wg Cdr or equivalent	1	1
Squadron Leader or equivalent	4	6
Flight Lieutenant/Flying Officer or equivalent	20	25
Warrant Officer/Flight Sergeant or equivalent	5	8
Sergeant or equivalent	12	12
Corporal/SAC	23	27
Total	65	79

There is currently one officer embedded with 53<sup>rd</sup> Test and Evaluation Group, together with an officer and Non Commissioned Officer (NCO) embedded as instructors with 11 Reconnaissance Squadron (11RS) which is part of 432 Wing.

We do hold recorded information on the rank and role of individuals. However, this has been aggregated under Section 40(2) (Personal Information) of the FOIA. This is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold information.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that 39 Squadron personnel at Creech undertake the following roles:

- Pilot
- Sensor Operation
- Intelligence Analysts
- Comms Analysts
- Flight Operations
- Personnel Support

If you are not satisfied 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 Information Rights Compliance team, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@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 dissatisfied 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 your case until the MOD 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely



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