

Executive Officer HEADQUARTERS DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY CENTRE

DISC

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Dear Dr Miller

- 1. Thank you for your e-mail of 6 July 2008 in which you requested clarification on some of the points raised in my reply of 25 April 2008. I would like to take this opportunity to again express my sincere apologies for the delay in providing you with a reply.
- 2. You requested an organizational map for the Defence Intelligence & Security Centre (DISC) and for the other units located at Chicksands. This is included at Annex A to this letter.
- 3. You also requested further detail on the following entities:
 - a. Joint Services School of Intelligence I can confirm that there is no record of this entity. I have, however, found records pertaining to the School of Services Intelligence (SSI) that was located at Ashford, Kent, from before 1976 until ceasing to exist in Dec 1986. The training conducted by SSI is now done by DISC.
 - Joint Services Intelligence Organization (JSIO) the JSIO was formed in Apr 1997 at Ashford, Kent, and ceased to exist in 2005/06, whilst still in Ashford. The training conducted by JSIO is now done by DISC.
 - c. Special Intelligence Wing the correct title is Specialist Intelligence Wing (SIW) and the Wing was created in Dec 1977 at Ashford, Kent, and ceased to exist in Apr 1997. The training conducted by SIW is now done by DISC.
- 4. With regard to the Force Research Unit / Joint Support Group / Joint Services Group: The Ministry of Defence (MoD) can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you requested because the duty in section 1(1)a of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) does not apply by virtue of section 26 (defence). The public interest favours neither confirming nor denying that information is held. Section 17(4)