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Dear Mr Cole

Thank you for your email of 12 December 2014. You requested the following information:

- 1) the number of weapon releases from UK Reapers in Afghanistan in November 2014 and December 2014 up until today's date, together with the number of Reaper sorties undertaken. Please can you break these figures down, as you have done previously, between UK and USAF Reaper platforms.*
- 2) Please can you confirm whether any UK personnel not embedded with US forces are operating US Reapers or Predators over Afghanistan since the withdrawal of UK Reapers from Afghanistan.*

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

The table below provides the information requested. Please note that the last mission in Afghanistan was completed on 15 November 2014. No USAF Reaper were used during a UK sortie.

	Nov 14
Number of Sorties	32
Weapon Releases	0

UK personnel carried out Launch and Recovery duties in support of operations post the last UK Reaper mission on 15 November 2014. The final crew departed Afghanistan on 21 November 2014.

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Yours sincerely

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