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Dear xxxxxxxxxxxx,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 1 April requesting information on the number of passport applications, submitted by people who have attended naturalization ceremonies and gained citizenship, have been refused on the grounds of fraud from 1 January 2004 – 31 April 2007. You also wish to know how many of those applicants have subsequently lost their British Citizenship. I am pleased to be able to disclose the information that you requested to you.

The Identity and Passport Service has not refused on fraud grounds any passport applications from individuals who have attended naturalization ceremonies and gained citizenship certificates in the period 1 January 2005 to 31 April 2007.

Our colleagues in the Border and Immigration Agency have informed me that there have been no deprivations of British Citizenship on the grounds of fraud.

However if you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of any aspect of our handling of your application by submitting your complaint to:

Information Policy Team
Information and Record Management Service
Home Office
4th Floor, Seacole Building
2 Marsham Street

For advice on how and where to obtain a passport,
call the Passport Adviceline on 0870 521 0410
(24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

You can also email info@passport.gov.uk
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During the internal review the department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The department therefore, will be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

I hope that you find this information of interest, and would like to assure you that you have been supplied with all relevant information that the Identity and Passport Service holds.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of the Identity and Passport Service

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