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Our reference: BVFOI/131/14 re Michael Weide

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Treasury Solicitor's Department ("the Department"):

My family has been contacted by a probate researcher who wishes to make a claim on our behalf to the estate of Michael Weide. Before agree for the researcher to proceed, I want to ensure that this is genuine and hope that TSOL can help. I would be really grateful if you could please.

1. Confirm that the estate of Michael Weide exists (I didn't see his name on the list of unclaimed estates on the Gov. Website)
2. What evidence TSOL requires when a claim is made to be released to heirs and
3. If you could verify that the probate researcher is genuine.

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division ("the Division") under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

The estate of Michael Weide is not claimable and therefore does not appear on the published list.

The Division holds information relating to the procedure when considering a kin claim. This information can be found in our guidelines <https://www.gov.uk/make-a-claim-to-a-deceased-persons-estate>. The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.

The Division holds no further information regarding your request.