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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST – REF: 0876-14

Thank you for your e-mail of 12 September to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) requesting access, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), to access the missing Kuwait Political Agency, Annual Report for 1952. This is in connection to historical research that you are undertaking.

I can confirm that the FCO is not holding any information that is relevant to your request.

The FCO is required under the UK Public Records Act (PRA) to transfer files selected for permanent preservation to The [National Archives](#) (TNA). Under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 the statutory date for review of FCO files under the PRA reduces progressively to 20 years by 2022.

I note that you have mentioned carrying out a search for information at TNA. I have however searched the TNA online catalogue for files that were selected for preservation and which might relate to your request. There are two Foreign Office file series which you may have reviewed already, but in case you have not, the two series are:

- Reference FO 1016; titled '[India Office and successors: Political Residencies and Agencies, Persian Gulf: Correspondence and Papers | The National Archives](#)'; dated 1917-1972. This series contains records from the Foreign Office, Political Agency, Kuwait, 1948-1961.
- Reference FO 960; titled '[India Office and Foreign Office: Political Agency and Embassy, Kuwait: Papers | The National Archives](#)'; dated 1940 – 1967. This series contains records from the Foreign Office, Political Agency, Kuwait, 1948-1961.

I can confirm that the FCO is holding retained material for these file series. I can also confirm that the FCO is not holding any retained material from the Kuwait Political Agency in 1952 or 1953.

Additional Information

You might also be interested to know that the Cambridge Archive Editions have printed a complete collection of reports for the Arabian Peninsula up to 1960, which includes Kuwait. Further details on this collection can be seen here: [Foreign Office Annual Reports from Arabia 1930–1960 - Cambridge Archive Editions](#)

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me, quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

If you wish to make a complaint or if you would like a review of our decision, please write to the FOI and DPA Team, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Room K4.10-13, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH, or by e-mail to foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk. Please note that you have 40 working days from the date of this letter in which to submit a request for an internal review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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