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Thank you for your email of 12 October asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I would like to see a copy of the evidence that the Government of Iraq (GoI) authorized UK military involvement in the country.

You clarified your request on 16 October to include;

I can confirm that my recent FOIA request concerns current UK military action in Iraq.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested which I considered as the military strikes against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant as agreed by parliament on 25 September.

The information you require is accessible on the internet. The letter from the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Ibrahim al-Ja'fari can be found on the UN Security Council website (http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/2014/691) and the Summary of the UK Governments legal position can be found on the gov.uk website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/military-action-in-iraq-against-isil-government-legal-position/summary-of-the-government-legal-position-on-military-action-in-iraq-against-isil>). I have however enclosed hard copies of the two documents for your convenience.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless it is exempt. The information we have supplied to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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Yours sincerely,

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