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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0547-15**

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2015 in which you requested information to be released under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked for:

- *Any correspondence between the British Embassy Berlin and any of the 4 large German energy utilities (RWE, E.On, EnBW, and Vatenfall), on the subject of or containing the words "onshore wind", "wind power", or their German equivalents.*
- *In the first instance, I ask please for the release of any such correspondence between the dates 1st January 2012 and 1st January 2013.*
- *If cost/ time limits under the Act and Regulations allow, I ask that you also release any such correspondence from 2nd January 2013 to present. If this would exceed cost limits, please discount this part of my request.*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) holds information relevant to your request.

Please find attached the information that the FCO can release to you. Some information has been withheld under Section 41(1)(b), as it is information that was provided in confidence. It is our view that disclosure of this information would constitute a breach of confidence and so disclosure would also be unlawful under the Act. In these circumstances, Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act confers an absolute exemption on disclosure and there is no public interest test to apply. There is some other information withheld under Section 40 (2) (a) which constitutes personal data and which is also exempt under the Act.

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Yours sincerely,

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