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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0282-16

Thank you for your email of 8 March asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please provide:

Full records of any and all correspondence THAT MAKES REFERENCE TO SOMALIA OR SOMALILAND between the following people or companies and their representatives and the Foreign Office in London or the British Embassies in Mogadishu and Nairobi, to include letters, emails, text messages and all other electronic communication, in the period from March 30, 2015 to the current day.

*UKS3 Ltd
Afzal Amin
Anglo Somaliland Resources Limited
Sir Anthony Baldry
Pontus Marine Ltd
Henry Bellingham*

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) does hold information relevant to your request.

Please find attached the information that the FCO can release to you. Some of the information has been withheld using Section 40 – Personal Information.

This is because some of the information you have requested is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states

that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

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Yours sincerely,

Somalia Unit



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