

## Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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Dear

Pakistan and Afghanistan Department Foreign and Commonwealth Office King Charles Street London SW1A 2AH

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0368-15

Thank you for your email of 13 April 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

In 2014:

-On how many occasions and on which dates did UK government personnel visit the US prison at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan

-Who undertook the visits on each occasion

-Who, within the US government or military, did UK government personnel visit on each occasion

-What was discussed on each occasion

-What was the purpose of the visit on each occasion

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

Our understanding is that the US never ran a prison (that is a post-trial detention facility that was part of the country's justice system) in Bagram. The Afghan government assumed from the US authorities on 25 March 2013 formal responsibility for detainees and infrastructure of the US-run <u>pre-trial Detention Facility</u> at Bagram Airfield. The US also ran an <u>independent detention facility</u> in Bagram. This closed in December 2014. We are not aware of any Embassy official visiting that facility in 2014.

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Yours sincerely,

Pakistan and Afghanistan Department



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