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Dear

Your Freedom Of Information Request: 0139 - 15

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 11 February.

In your request you asked for;

British Embassy in Iceland. Annual report for 1991

Dispatches between the British Embassy in Iceland and FCO or other departments on the visit of Iceland's Foreign Minister, Jón Baldvin Hannibalsson, to the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, in January 1991.

Dispatches between the British Embassy in Iceland and FCO or other departments on the decision by Iceland's Parliament on 11 february to reaffirm Iceland's 1922 recognition of the independence of Lithuania.

Dispatches between the British Embassy in Iceland and FCO or other departments on the the resumption of diplomatic relations between Iceland and the three Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania on 22 August 1991.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the public interest test for this request.

I will be forwarding to you by separate emails (due to the size of the attachments): -

- (1) Fax from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 15/01/91
- (2) Telegram 010 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 18/01/91
- (3) Telegram 015 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 23/01/91
- (4) Telegram 182 from Moscow to the FCO dated 24/01/91
- (5) Telegram 017 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 24/01/91
- (6) Telegram 019 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 25/01/91
- (7) Fax from the UKDEL NATO to the FCO dated 30/01/91
- (8) Telegram 024 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 06/02/91
- (9) Fax from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 12/02/91
- (10) Telegram 027 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 12/02/91
- (11) Telegram 352 from Moscow to the FCO dated 14/02/91
- (12) Fax from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 14/02/91
- (13) Telegram 368 from Moscow to the FCO dated 15/02/91
- (14) Fax from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 22/02/91
- (15) Telegram 033 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 27/02/91

- (16) Telegram 063 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 15/04/91
- (17) Telegram 366 from UKDEL NATO to the FCO dated 22/08/91
- (18) Telegram 151 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 23/08/91
- (19) Telegram 152 from Reykjavik to the FCO dated 26/08/91
- (20) Icelandic Annual Review for 1991 dated 30/01/92

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A small part of the reporting was information clearly given to us in strictest confidence, as opposed to routine diplomatic exchanges. Despite the age of the information, if the UK does not maintain this confidence it would reduce the trust of other governments, NGOs and others that they could hold free and frank discussions with us on sensitive issues. This would also reduce our ability to protect and promote UK interests in the future - both in Iceland and elsewhere.

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Please contact us if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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