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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0869-15

Thank you for your email of 4 September 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Would you please provide copies of all communications between Jack Straw/his representatives and the FCO in relation to my freedom of information request 0130-15. Please include any electronic or written correspondence as well as records of oral conversations. Please list any oral conversations that have taken place, with dates provided for each one

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 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.

In regards to item 3 of the digest, there were no records found of a further exchange with Mr Straw, and Mr Straw has since confirmed that he cannot trace one either.

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Yours sincerely,

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