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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: 0463-15**

Thank you for your email of 11 May 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

***“to request a list of meetings that the British Ambassador in Tunisia attended from 17 February 2006 until the end of January 2007. I would like the list to cover all meetings that involved people who are not part of British Embassy in Tunisia and for the list to include: the date, length and location of each meeting; a list of those present (with names and positions for politicians and senior officials, and positions for those to whom Section 40 exemptions are applied); and the purpose of the meeting. I would like this to include meetings in both Tunisia and other countries”.***

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

I can confirm that the FCO does hold information relevant to your request, which I attach. However, please note that in some cases we are unable to provide all the information you have requested (for example the length, location, people present, and purpose of the meeting) as we do not hold lists containing this information.

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,

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