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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0585-16

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

“Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information:

- *Can I ask for any emails from staff mentioning ‘Rehman’ ‘Chishti’ ‘Saudi’ ‘Arabia’ ‘Pakistan’ and ‘ISI’*
- *Can I ask for any correspondence to and from Rehman Chishti mentioning the words ‘Saudi’ ‘Arabia’ ‘Pakistan’ and ‘ISI’”*

Your request was then refined to:

“emails/letters from/to the FCO by Mr Rehman Chishti in the last 6 months relating to Saudi Arabia”

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office does hold information falling within the terms of your request.

Please find attached what the FCO is able to release to you. After careful consideration, we have decided to withhold some of the information you have requested, as it 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. We also considered the use of section 27 (1)(a) and (c) – international relations, but on balance decided we were able to release this information to you.

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Yours sincerely,

Head of Arabian Peninsula and Iran Department



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