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Dear,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0841-15

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

Correspondence between Jeremy Corbyn and Foreign Office ministers on Palestine between 2010-15.

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. We considered whether some information was exempt under Section 27, but decided that the balance of the public interest was for disclosure. Some of the information has been redacted under section 40 (Personal Information). Some information has been withheld under section 23.

Section 40 (2) (3) – Personal 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.

Section 23 – Information supplied by, or relating to bodies dealing with security matters

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Yours sincerely,

**On behalf of the
Near East Department**



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