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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0995-16

Thank you for your email of 21 October 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please could you provide me with all correspondence to the FCO from Rai TV to either (i) the press office, or (ii) directly with Mr Boris Johnson

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.

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Yours sincerely,

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Email 1.....

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 07 September 2016 12:34
To: Newsdesk (Sensitive)
Subject: RAI 2 TV SHOW ITALIAN TELEVISION "SUNDAY TABLOID"

Good morning,

[Redacted]. I am [Redacted] for Rai2, of the Italian public broadcasting system. I work for [Redacted].

The show is a mix of politics, culture and current events and it is built around interviews and reportage. It is anchored by Annalisa Bruchi, a well-known Italian television journalist who specializes in economic and foreign policy, and European affairs.

I am writing to you because we would be very keen to interview Mr. Boris Johnson, the Foreign Secretary, for the show this autumn. Ms Bruchi would happily travel to London to interview Mr Johnson at his convenience, perhaps in conjunction with a UK-Italy bilateral meeting.

The show is live and is aired out of Rome. There are two other journalists in the studio with Ms Bruchi: Aldo Cazzullo, of "Il Corriere della sera" and Mario Sechi, of Il Foglio.

I hope you will consider our request and I am happy to provide more details if necessary.

Best regard

[Redacted]

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Email 2.....

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 07 September 2016 17:11
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Pontignano Conference

Dear [Redacted],

I hope this email finds you well.

I do apologize for having tried to contact you in the past few days, I understand your coming back to the office has been superbusy. As I am sure you can imagine, the reason for my calls was the Pontignano Conference. I wanted to inform you that I have been attending this event regularly and I will also be participating this year. I will be reporting for the major Tv News bulletins about the speech of the Foreign Secretary Johnson at the University of Siena and the meeting with the Italian counterpart Gentiloni. In order to provide maximum Media exposure to the event I am hoping there will be the

chance of a short interview with RAI, that can be restricted to a couple of questions, to summarize the speech.

I will be in Rome from Monday and then in Siena. Looking forward to meeting you at the Conference.

Best regards.

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