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Dear [REDACTED],

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Visits to China by the Secretary of State since 14 July 2014

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 10 December 2014, about the number of times the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has travelled to China since 14 July 2014 and why. I am sorry for the delay in responding. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

No visits to China were undertaken by the Secretary of State between 14 July and the date of your request. Since taking up the position, the Secretary of State has visited China once, during 11 - 16 January 2015. The main purpose of the visit was developing our relationship with China on food and drink, agriculture, research and development and animal health; something which has the potential to unlock more than £800 million in trade for UK business over five years.

I attach Annex A that explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you. I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

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