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Our reference: BVFOI/321/16 re Leonard John Colyer

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Government Legal Department ("the Department"):

"do you have details of location in Burma or of his parents names? Is it possible his birth could have been registered in two countries? Would it be quite a coincidence that two persons of the same name have the same date of birth?"

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division ("the Division") under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

The Division holds information that the deceased was born in Burma. This information can be found on the death certificate of the deceased. Certificates can be obtained from the local Registrar where the event took place or from the General Registrar Office (GRO), PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD or by telephoning 0845 603 7788. Further details can be obtained from the GRO's website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages/register-offices>. The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.

We do not hold any further information that you have requested, and in particular we have no information about whether the birth was or could have been registered in two countries, or whether there could be two persons with the same name and date of birth.

