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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REFERENCE: 1052-14

Thank you for your email dated 19 November asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested:

'... a copy of the report I made on my visit to Kenema, Segbwema and Daru on 2-4 November 1992.'

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. Some of the information has been withheld under the follow sections of the FOIA:

Section 40(2) and (3) personal information

Some of the withheld information is personal data relating to third parties. It is our view that disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40(2) and (3) of the FOIA therefore apply. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which we think would be breached by disclosure in this case. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. We do not therefore have to apply the public interest test.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless it is exempt. The information we have supplied to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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Yours sincerely,

Desk Officer for Sierra Leone Foreign and Commonwealth Office

