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Our reference: BVFOI/352 15 re Royston Dennis Crawford

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

I would like to request any information on postmarks, dates or locations on personal postal documentation (letters, postcards) received by the deceased from family members.

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

The Division does not hold the information that you have requested in relation to postmarks or dates.

Information on file indicates that an airmail letter from a family member in Canada and a greetings card from a possible relative in Birmingham were removed from the property, however these items are not held on our file.

I have withheld certain information from the file in relation to any name and address details provided on the documentation as noted on our file as it is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act. The information is exempt from disclosure because it constitutes the personal data of a living individual as defined in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 and disclosure of the information would be in breach of the data protection principles set out in Schedule 1 of that Act. In particular, disclosure of the information would contravene the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data be processed fairly and lawfully.