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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0415-16

Thank you for your letter asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked;

‘With regard to my FOI inquiry of 7th April 2016, by reports - I mean a formal report written by the FCO covering the death of Princess Diana in Paris between August 1997 and August 1998?’

Outcome of Search

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.

Disclosure

A copy of the report you have requested is attached to this letter. In addition, the report references press releases by the British Ambassador and French Interior Minister (see paragraph 6). We have not been able to locate the former despite a wide search of all our records; however we did find the press release by the French Interior Minister which is attached for your further information.

In Paragraph 13 of the attached report there is a reference to a separate report about Princess Diana’s bodyguard. We are not able to provide this as the information is not available in our records.

Some of the information you have requested is however, personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances Sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states

that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply. This means that we have had to redact names from the report.

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Yours sincerely,

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