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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0641-15

Thank you for your letter of 20 June asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked for a:

“copy of all pages of all signatories from the Book of Condolances for the occasion of death of MARGARET THATCHER that was open to the public at Her Britannic Majesty’s Ambassador’s rewidency at Milosa Savcica 1 street in Beograd, Serbia”

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 enclosed the information that the FCO can release to you. A very small amount of the information you have requested has been redacted as it is 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. This specifically concerns the personal information of private individuals who are not in public facing roles. We judge that they would not have had a reasonable expectation that their information would be disclosed. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

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Yours sincerely,

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