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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF:0676-17

Thank you for your email of 14 July asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

“for information pertaining to Rwanda between October 1992-October 1993. In particular information on the domestic situation in the country and the invasion of Rwanda by the RPF in October 1990 and the following war which lasted until 1994. In particular I am looking for:

- *Annual country reports about Rwanda drawn up by the relevant British authorities (in this case presumably in Uganda, DRC or Tanzania).*
- *Reports filed on the conflict itself by a military attaché, or Defence Assistant.*
- *Documents relating to the position and intentions of President Juvenal Habyarimana.”*

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 the 1993 part of your request. The 1992 part of your request has been answered by our Historical FOI Team under reference FOI 0675-17.

Please find attached the information that the FCO can release to you. Information that is outside the scope of your request has been removed.

Some of the information you have requested, 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. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

You may also wish to be aware that I have found references to a “Report of the International Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights Violations in Rwanda since October 1990” published by the *Federation Internationale des Droits de l’Homme* (then of 14 Passage Dubail, F-75010 Paris, France) and *Africa Watch* (then of 485 Fifth Avenue, New York, USA), which may contain further references to the “*position and intentions of President Juvenal Habyarimana.*”

Yours sincerely,

Africa Directorate, Central and Southern Department



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