



Our reference: BVFOI/403/16 re Leonard John Colyer

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

1. where your information about Burma comes from?
2. is the reference to Burma on your copy his birth certificate?
3. is there a reference to his birth in Burma on the death certificate you have?
4. whether you have any other evidence that he was born in Burma?
5. the names of the parents of the Leonard John Colyer born in Burma?

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

For ease of reference, I shall answer your questions in the same numbering.

The Division holds some of the information that you have requested.

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The Division holds information relating to the birth certificate and place of birth. This information can be found on the death certificate of the deceased. Certificates can be obtained from the local Registrar where the event took place or from the General Registrar Office (GRO), PO Box 2, Southport, Merseyside, PR8 2JD or by telephoning 0845 603 7788. Further details can be obtained from the GRO's website at <https://www.gov.uk/browse/births-deaths-marriages/register-offices>. The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.

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The Division holds no further information with regards to other evidence that he was born in Burma than what is on our website. The Division does not hold a copy of the birth certificate.