

Digest of Correspondence between Knowledge Management Department and the Office of Tony Blair

OTB to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 25 July 2013 10:07
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: RE: [xxxx redacted]

Morning All,
I am running a little late – really sorry.

I should be with you by 1045

Thanks

[xxxx redacted]

The Office of Tony Blair

[xxxx redacted]

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OTB to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 24 July 2013 14:27
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: RE: [xxxx redacted]

Many thanks – yes I will be on my own.

Tell reception they have nothing to worry about!!!

See you tomorrow

[xxxx redacted]

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FCO to OTB

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 24 July 2013 14:24
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: [xxxx redacted]

[xxxx redacted],

Good to see you tomorrow at 1030 at King Charles Street. [xxxx redacted] will warn Reception that you are coming. [xxxx redacted]

[xxxx redacted]

OTB to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 24 July 2013 10:26
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: RE: [xxxx redacted]

Hi [xxxx redacted] – sorry just picked up the message - 1030 would be better for me!

Many thanks
[xxxx redacted]

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FCO to OTB

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 23 July 2013 17:32
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: [xxxx redacted]

[xxxx redacted],

I have left a message on your mobile; are you or your team able to meet on Thursday morning at the FCO, at say 10 or 1030?

[xxxx redacted]

OTB to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 23 July 2013 11:44
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc:
Subject: Re: UNC FOIA requests

Thursday first things is best for me

Thanks
[xxxx redacted]

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OTB to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 23 July 2013 10:18
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: UNC FOIA requests

Thanks [xxxx redacted].

We've had a lot of emails from colleagues but no resolution on the FOIs I am awaiting a call from the FCO to discuss

Best
[xxxx redacted]

The Office of Tony Blair

[xxxx redacted]

OTB to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 23 July 2013 10:07
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc:
Subject: RE: UNC FOIA requests

Hi [xxxx redacted] –
I copy [xxxx redacted] and [xxxx redacted] who would be the liaison point on FOIs.
Thanks,
[xxxx redacted]

FCO to OTB

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 19 July 2013 16:18
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: UNC FOIA requests

[xxxx redacted]

[xxxx redacted] FOIA requests and I notice that we have a certain amount which refer to your office, or other offices connected with Tony Blair. There are likely to be other requests in the future, so it would be helpful if we were to meet to discuss matters generally; are you available early next week?

[xxxx redacted]

Digest of Correspondence between the Press Office and the Office of Tony Blair

Lines from our Press Lines Database:

Title: Sunday Telegraph FOI - Tony Blair/Megrahi

Country: [Libya](#)

Press Lines:

LINES TO TAKE

The role of Tony Blair:

In the correspondence concerned (dated 2008), Mr Blair was asked by the Ambassador to raise a legacy issue. Mr Blair does not have any current role acting on behalf of the UK Government.

Prisoner Transfer Agreements:

Jack Straw, then Secretary of State for Justice, gave details of the signing of the prisoner transfer agreement in answer to a Parliamentary Questions on 2 November 2009:

The prisoner transfer agreement between the United Kingdom and Libya was one of four agreements in the field of judicial cooperation signed by the United Kingdom and Libya on 17 November 2008. Signature of these agreements is a tangible sign of the normalisation of the relationship between Libya and the United Kingdom and between Libya and the wider international community following its renunciation of international terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

In negotiating the prisoner transfer agreement account was taken of the impact of the agreement across a range of issues, including trade. However, there was no deal between the UK and Libya to secure the transfer of any individual in return for commercial contracts, or otherwise.

Regarding release of staff details :

We do not comment on or divulge the personal details of serving or former staff.

Digest of Correspondence between the Private Offices and Representatives of Tony Blair

FCO to OTB

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 03 June 2014 15:10
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting with Mark Simmonds MP, Minister for Africa

[xxxx redacted],

Thanks – that would be great.

I look forward to speaking to you in August.

[xxxx redacted]

OTB to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 03 June 2014 09:33
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting with Mark Simmonds MP, Minister for Africa

Thanks [xxxx redacted]. Shall we touch base in August to see what can be organised for UNGA?

Sorry we can't find a slot this side of the summer – he's just not in the UK very much at all at the moment.

Thanks,

[xxxx redacted]

FCO to OTB

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 02 June 2014 18:22
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting with Mark Simmonds MP, Minister for Africa

Dear [xxxx redacted],

Mr Simmonds was grateful to [xxxx redacted] and [xxxx redacted] for offering to meet him, however as he has already spoken to Mr Blair on a couple of occasions previously, he would prefer to discuss these issues with Mr Blair.

Mr Simmonds understands how busy Mr Blair's diary must be, so has suggested that perhaps they could speak at UNGA in September instead?

Kind regards

[xxxx redacted]

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TBFF to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 02 June 2014 14:11
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: Re: Meeting with Mark Simmonds MP, Minister for Africa

Dear [xxxx redacted],

I hope you are well. I am just getting in touch following my email below to offer some times for Mr Simmonds to meet with [xxxx redacted] and [xxxx redacted]. Would an hour slot suit in any of the options below?

Monday 30th June – 11.00am to 12.00pm
Tuesday 8th July – 11.30am to 12.30pm
Tuesday 22nd July – 10.00am to 12.00pm
Thursday 24th July – 10.00am to 12.00pm

Please do let us know if one of these times might be convenient for Mr Simmonds.

Very best wishes,

[xxxx redacted]

TBFF to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 23 May 2014 10:00
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: Re: Meeting with Mark Simmonds MP, Minister for Africa

Many thanks for the introduction [xxxx redacted].

Dear [xxxx redacted],

[xxxx redacted] and I will coordinate internally and circle back to you with some suggested times very soon, but it might be helpful to know of potential weeks that might work best for Mr Simmonds in advance.

We would be happy to host the meeting at our offices near Marble Arch, but please do let us know what is convenient on your end.

Very best wishes,

[xxxx redacted]

TonyBlairFaithFoundation 

OTB to FCO

From: [xxxx redacted]

Date: Friday, 23 May 2014 09:52

To: [xxxx redacted]

Cc: [xxxx redacted]

Subject: RE: Meeting with Mark Simmonds MP, Minister for Africa

Hi [xxxx redacted],

I wanted to get in touch regarding the meeting below. Mr Blair would like to meet with Mark Simmonds however, he will be travelling a great deal over the next few months so finding a time in the UK is proving difficult at the moment.

In the meantime we thought it might be helpful for Mr Simmonds to meet with [xxxx redacted] and [xxxx redacted]. They would both be delighted to meet with the Minister to discuss their work in Africa and on inter-faith relations in Africa.

I am copying in [xxxx redacted] and [xxxx redacted] who will be able to help organise a time.

Many thanks,

[xxxx redacted]

FCO to OTB

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 12 March 2014 15:57
To: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: Meeting with Mark Simmonds MP, Minister for Africa

Dear [xxxx redacted],

I hope you don't mind me contacting you directly, Hugh Robertson's Private Office kindly passed me your contact details.

Mark Simmonds, Minister for Africa at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office would like to arrange a meeting with Mr Blair to discuss how Governance in Africa could be improved and inter-faith relations in Africa.

If the above meeting is suitable with Mr Blair, please call me on the number below and I will be happy to set up a convenient date and time

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[xxxx redacted]

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Digest of Discussions between Mr Blair and Ministers

From: [xxxx redacted]
Sent: 13 October 2014 13:15
To: [xxxx redacted]
Cc: [xxxx redacted]
Subject: Write-up of Mr Ellwood's meetings in Cairo
Importance: High

Blair and Lowenstein

Mr Ellwood described his recent visit to Gaza, and the desperate need for economic recovery whilst work was underway towards a two state solution. Fixing the critical infrastructure was key to alleviating humanitarian pressure. The exploitation of the area's natural mineral wealth, fixing the electricity and water supply infrastructure, and sewage management were all part of this. Blair said he would discuss the issue with COGAT shortly.

At lunch, Mr Ellwood spoke to Tony Blair,

(N.B. there was no further record of discussion with Mr Blair)

[xxxx redacted]

[xxxx redacted]

Mr Robertson met with Tony Blair this morning. They covered the MEPP, [xxxx redacted], Algeria, and [xxxx redacted].

MEPP

[xxxx redacted]

- Mr Blair suggested that the upcoming VIP visit would be a chance to focus on areas where the UK could make a distinctive contribution; to show backing for Gaza [xxxx redacted] to push for progress on economic barriers [xxxx redacted]

[xxxx redacted]

Algeria

- Mr Robertson described his recent visit to Algeria, where he was struck by the widespread enthusiasm to do business with us. Mr Robertson noted that the country was playing an increasingly active role in the region, including hosting peace talks for the Mali government.
- Mr Blair and Mr Robertson agreed that a debate was underway in the region about the type of society that people wanted. The 'disorganised middle', which didn't have a mouthpiece, shouldn't be forgotten – education, language initiatives, and football were ways in which more people could be engaged.

[xxxx redacted]

Kind regards,

[xxxx redacted]