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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0211-15

Thank you for your email of 24 February asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

- (i) *letters to the Security Council concerning or referring to the legal basis for intervention in Iraq, whether by the UK or any other coalition partner*
- (ii) *letters to the Security Council concerning or referring to the legal basis for intervention in Syria, whether by the UK or any other coalition partner*
- (iii) *briefings or other material sent to the Security Council concerning or referring to the legal basis for intervention in either Iraq or Syria, whether by the UK or any other coalition partner*

You clarified your request on 25 February to include;

I can further limit the material sought to that written or sent any time from the beginning of 2014 until the date of the request i.e. 24 February 2015.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested and that we identified three relevant documents.

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is accessible on the internet through the UN Security Council website. Publically accessible links to the three relevant documents that we hold are listed below:

A letter from the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Ibrahim al-Ja'fari requesting support from the international community can be found here:

http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/2014/691.

A letter from the US Permanent Representative to the UN Secretary General on action the US is taking concerning the threat of ISIL to Iraq and Syria:

http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/s_2014_695.pdf.

A letter from the UK Permanent Representative to the UN Secretary General on supporting international efforts for the self defence of Iraq against ISIL:

http://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/s_2014_851.pdf.

We do not hold any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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