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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0526-17**

Thank you again for your email of 30 May asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*I'm looking for a document called Memorandum from FCO to Minister Joyce Quin. It is in regards to a House of Lords debate in 1999 where they discussed the implications of recognising the Armenian massacres as genocide. It is for my masters dissertation discussion the UK's reluctance to recognise these atrocities as genocide due to our relationship with Turkey.*

Further to my letter of 27 June, I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information you requested. I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Please find attached the information that the FCO can release. 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.

Yours sincerely

Eastern Mediterranean Department



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