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Our reference: BVFOI/419/16 re Anne Marion Naysmith

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

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

The Government Legal Department holds information about the marriage and divorce of Anne Marion's mother, Anne Marie SMITH nee PROVENIK. I would like to know exactly *when* the marriage took place, *where* the divorce (in 1952) took place, and whether the GLD holds copies of the marriage and divorce records.

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

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

The Division holds information relating to the date the marriage of the deceased's mother. This information can be found on the Bona Vacantia unclaimed list.

The Division holds a copy of the Decree Absolute of the deceased's mother which took place in the High Court of Justice, London. A copy of the Decree Absolute can be obtained by applying to Principal Registry of the Family Division, 7th Floor, 42-49 High Holborn, First Avenue House, Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP together with the appropriate fee. Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/copy-decree-absolute-final-order> The unclaimed list will shortly be updated with place where the divorce was granted.

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.

The Division does not hold a copy of the marriage certificate of the deceased's mother.