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Thank you for your e-mail of 12 July 2017 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) requesting the following information:

*"Can you help me with information about Charles Hobart Ellis?. In the 1920s and later he was British Vice Consul in Berlin. Do you have any information in your archives about him? I am sure he was in contact with SIS and MI6"*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and based on the on the information you provided on *Charles Hobart Ellis* and I can confirm that no information in scope of your request is held.

However, under Section 16 (Provision of Advice and Assistance) of the FOIA, I can advise that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office or the Home Office may hold information relevant to your request:

You can write to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office FOI unit at the following address:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
FOI and DPA Team  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
K4.14 King Charles Street  
London  
SW1A 2AH

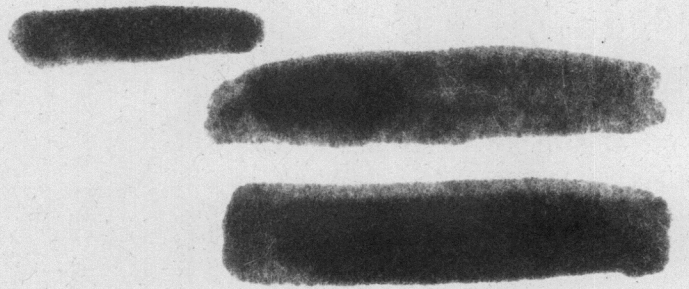
Email: [foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk](mailto:foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk)

Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-requesting-information-from-the-fco>

You can write to the Home Office FOI unit at the following address:

Home Office  
Direct Communications Unit  
2 Marsham Street  
London







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Email: [foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

You may also wish to be aware that neither MI5 (The Security Service) or MI6 (The Secret Intelligence Service) are covered by the Freedom of Information Act.

Historical documents relating to the UK Government can also be found in The National Archives. Information can be found here:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/foreign-commonwealth-correspondence-and-records-from-1782/>

Home Office:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/home-office-correspondence-1782-1979/>

MI5 (The Security Service) and MI6 (The Secret Intelligence Service):

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/intelligence-security-service-records/>

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

  
Defence Business Services (Secretariat)



