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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0211-16

Thank you for your email of 18 February asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

'In relation to the case of Abdul-Hakim Belhaj and another v Jack Straw and others, since June 2012:

On how many occasions and on which dates did FCO officials (including civil servants and ministers) communicate with US officials regarding Mr Belhaj's case.

The term "communicate" includes any written (such as letters and emails) and oral (such as face-to-face meetings and telephone conversations) communication.

The terms "US officials" includes US government employees working in the State Department or any other US government agency.'

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Our records show that FCO officials communicated with US officials regarding Mr Belhaj's civil case on 4 April 2013.

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Yours sincerely

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